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WITZERLAND IS WITH MR. WILSON

Note to Warring Nations Supports Peace Move

GER TO DO HER PART

orts of United States President Finds Meritorious Echo Over There

ashington, D. C., Dec. 24. — Switzerland in a note to all of the warring ers, has announced its support of ident Wilson's appeal for a dision of peace terms, saying, "it d consider itself happy if it could in any, no matter how modest a for the approachment of the les now engaged in the struggle for a lasting peace."

e note was sent to the belligerFriday by the Swiss federal coun- and Dr. Paul Ritter, minister of zerland here, presented a copy to state department yesterday. Secy Lansing made it public tonight. text follows:

he President of the United States merica, with whom the Swiss fedcouncil, guided by its warm deat the hostilities may soon come n end, have, for a considerable been in touch, had the kindness praise the federal council of the e note sent to the government of central and entente powers. In note President Wilson discusses great desirability of international ment for the purpose of avoiding effectively the occurrence of caophes such as the one under h the people are suffering today. nis connection he lays stress on necessity for bringing about the of the present war. Without makeace proposals himself or offerneediation, he confines himself to dings as to whether mankind may approached the haven of peace. he Swiss federal council is thereglad to seize the opportunity to ort the efforts of the President e United States. It would conitself happy if it could act in no matter how modest a way, he reppreachment of the people engaged in the struggle, and for ing a lasting peace."

War News in Brief.

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e forces of the Teutonic allies in udja region of Rumania are still mering hard the Russian and Ruan lines in the north. The town akishe, on the east bank of the the opposite Braila, has been capl by the invaders, who also are ing up their operations in the reof Tulcha, seeking to make se- the bridgehead for operations ist Southern Bessarabia. The ern bank of the Danube is beingously shelled from this latter r by the artillery of the central rs.

Galicia and upon the Carpathian ntains considerable activity still ails, with the Russians the aggres-

In the Carpathians the Russians captured several Austro-German ions and farther south near the sylvania-Rumanian frontier have a ridge from them.

e third Christmas of the war, exin Rumania, finds the belligerent s still well entrenched and using artillery wing as the chief methf warfare. Only small infantry gements are reported from any of ronts.

JARDSMEN COMING HOME

ton Gives Out Dates When Men Will Be Mustered Out.

Antonio, Texas, Dec. 24.—Major al Frederick Funston gave out night the date set for the departthe various National Guard orations from the border ordered ered out of federal service. New ambulance Company No. 3 is to depart from McAllen, but is ing information as to ultimate ation.

nsylvania, division headquarters, d brigade headquarters, signal on and 4th infantry is ready to t from El Paso Jan. 3 to 6, 16th ry to depart Jan. 3. The ultidestination for the Pennsylvania izations are not known.

w York 2nd field artillery is exd to move Dec. 29 from McAllen the New York 23rd infantry is ted as ready to leave Pharr, Dec. The designation for the New York izations are not yet known.

date of departure from Mer- of the New York Field hospital any No. 3 has not yet been fixed.

ay Peace Move Will Succeed.

neva, Switzerland, Dec. 23, via France, Dec. 24. — The Swiss rnment has issued a note in which s President Wilson's peace inve will not fail to arouse a proel echo in Switzerland and that erland is ready to aid in any way rds the reconciliation of the nat war and the establishment of rable peace.

ALBERT T. PATRICK ENGAGED

Three Times Condemned to Die, Defended By His Wife to the Last.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dec. 24.—Albert T. Patrick, wealthy oil man, who was sentenced three times to die in Sing Sing on a murder charge, announced here today his engagement to Miss Mildred West, daughter of a Tulsa oil operator. They will be married in June.

Patrick was pardoned after a long term in prison.

New York, Dec. 24.—Albert T. Patrick was pardoned by Governor Dix on November 28, 1912, after ten years in prison, following his conviction of the murder of William Marsh Rice, a Texas millionaire in this city. He was the chief beneficiary under the will of Rice. Sentenced to die three times, the legal fight he made for freedom was one of the most remarkable in the criminal annals of the country.

When Patrick was convicted in March, 1902, Mrs. Addie M. Francis, to whom he was engaged, proved her faith in him by marrying him in the Tombs prison in this city. She worked tirelessly from that time until he was freed, to interest prominent men in his behalf and her brother, John T. Milliken of St. Louis spent a fortune to gain Patrick's liberty.

For ten years Mrs. Patrick lived within sight of the walls of Sing Sing that she might be near her husband and comfort him. The day after he was pardoned they began their long delayed honeymoon, going first to St. Louis and later to Tulsa. A year later news came from Tulsa that Mrs. Patrick, worn out by years of nervous strain, was dying.

SWITCHMEN GAIN THEIR SHORT DAY AND RAISE

EIGHT HOURS OF LABOR AND FIVE CENT HOUR INCREASE

New York, Dec. 24. — An eight-hour day, an increase in wages of five cents an hour, and straight pro-rata overtime, was granted to the members of the Switchmen's union employed by 13 eastern and middle western railroads, in an award filed here today by the federal board of arbitration which heard their differences.

The decision of the board had been eagerly awaited by the railroads in general and the four major brotherhoods of railroad trainmen for what bearing it might have on the controversy between them over the Adamson wage act in which the eight-hour day is a question at issue.

The decision today in the switchmen's case says that "eight hours or less shall constitute a day's work," gives "an increase of five cents an hour on the present rates of pay," and rules that "overtime shall be paid at pro-rata rates" to be computed "on the basis of the actual hours worked."

Less Pay for Shorter Hours.

The switchmen at present get a minimum hourly rate of forty cents. The award increases this rate to forty-five cents so that, as explained tonight by Judge Charles B. Howry, chairman of the board, on the eight-hour basis they will get $3.60 for a day's work, forty cents less than they got under the ten hour basis. By working ten hours under the new rate, they will get $4.50, or fifty cents more than under the old rate.

In a statement appended to the award by Judge Howry and Prof. Jeremiah W. Jenks, the neutral members of the board of six, it is declared that the long hours of switchmen do not imply "excessive physical labor," that it has been established "it will not be possible to make the actual working eight hour day effective in the case of more than a small percentage of the switching crews," and that "with the exception of one experiment, the testimony was unanimous to the effect that the efficiency of switchmen on the shorter work day would be only slightly increased so that the burden of the shorter hours would fall almost entirely upon the railroads."

While the switchmen asked for a ten cent increase the statement emphasizes the point that the five cent advance is the largest given in any arbitration. The increase was granted, the neutral arbitrators explain, because of the high cost of living and the "hazards and hardships of the work."

"The increase," they state, "imposes a heavy burden upon the railroads, which owing to the interstate commerce law they are unable to transfer to the shippers and thence to the public."

They add that it is the duty of the properly constituted governmental authorities to protect railway interests in this regard, so far as it is necessary.

Minority Reports Filed.

The arbitrators were not unanimous in arriving at their decision, although all six signed the award. James B. Connors of Chicago, assistant president of the Switchmen's union, and W. A. Titus of Cleveland, vice president of the union, who represented the switchmen on the board, filed a minority report, dissenting from the awards of the five cents an hour increase and the pro-rata overtime. E. F. Potter of Minneapolis, assistant general manager of the Minneapolis St. Paule and Sault Ste. Marie railway, and T. W. Evans, assistant general manager of the New York Central, representing the railroads, also filed a minority report dissenting to the eight-hour day.

FRENCH SENATE WITH MINISTRY

Unanimous Vote Not to Conclude Terms of Peace Now

NEWSPAPER OPINION

German Journalists Change Their Views From One of Criticism to Support

Paris, France, Dec. 24. — The unanimous vote of the senate affirming that France cannot conclude peace with an enemy who occupied French territory, coming at the same time as the peace note of the Swiss government, has stirred anew the French press and public. The action of the senate gave further indication of the attitude of the allies towards President Wilson's proposal, while confidence voted in the Briand ministry was regarded most favorably.

The foreign affairs committee devoted a large part of the session yesterday to examination of President Wilson's note.

The Petite Journal suggests that President Wilson knew he would have the support of Switzerland and says: "France pities its neighbor, menaced like Belgium, perhaps, but France, which did not want war, knows that there are suggestions which honor prevents it from answering."

The Echo de Paris says: "Our resolution will demonstrate once more that the federal council would be mistaken as to the feeling of the allies and the French in particular, if it believes them disposed to negotiate with Germany. Germany has attempted the same effort in Switzerland as in the other European neutral countries to procure the Netherlands intervention. Switzerland needs the victory of the allies to prevent her own absorption by Germany."

The Matin says: "It must be remarked that the federal council supports the efforts of America without asserting itself with regard to the questions. Instead of asking the government to make known the objects of the war, it limits itself to the very honorable wish that peace be concluded now, and homage is to be rendered to the sentiment dictating the note."

Hughes Analyzes Situation.

London, England, Dec. 24. — A Reuter dispatch from Melbourne today quotes Premier Hughes of the Australian commonwealth as follows in reference to Secretary of State Lansing's explanation of President Wilson's note to the belligerents:

"Under the guise of an addenda to the peace note deploring the war, the explanation abruptly discloses that the situation is critical enough to bring the mediator to the verge of war. The peace note cannot be read part from the thinly-veiled demands to know the allies' intentions, not for the purpose of mediation, but in America's interest. Seen in this light the note is more of an ultimatum than an effort at mediation."

Vatican Approves of Plan.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 23. — The Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, in reference to President Wilson's note to the belligerents, says it wishes to express full satisfaction for this "very important document," by which the authoritative voice of the head of the great American republic calls the warring parties to "consider their grave responsibilities" and advises means to hasten the end of the war. It recalls that Pope Benedict also made virtually the same attempt in July, 1915. The newspaper closes its comment by expressing the hope that the note will be favorably received.

Pope Benedict, who had been informed regarding the note since Monday last, expressed the hope that it would have a beneficial effect, despite its coincidence with Germany's proposal of peace, with which, it was pointed out, it must not be connected.

Interest Aroused in Japan.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 23. — President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers has been delivered to the Japanese government. The note has aroused extraordinary interest. The general view of it taken by the press is that, while it is not connected with the German peace proposal, it is not unreasonable to suppose the two may eventually be joined and lead to peace negotiations. The prediction is voiced that Japan and her allies will reply to President Wilson in the spirit of his idea, but it is commented that they entered the war "in the robe of peace" and that efforts to overthrow German militarism are based upon a desire to solidify permanent world peace.

German Newspaper Comment.

Berlin, Dec. 24, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J. — The interpretations of President Wilson's suggestion concerning peace are somewhat confused by the fact that yesterday's comment were based on short extracts of his note received and the additional fact that Secretary of State Lansing also made a statement concerning the situation which the German people are not sure have not been distorted, says the Overseas News Agency.

"This confusion," the News Agency adds, "is illustrated by the fact that the comment published by the Vossische Zeitung yesterday and today differs in important points. Yesterday the Vossische Zeitung considered the President's note as 'diplomatic intrigue' which had been prompted by a desire to shield England and declared that the note ought to be received by Germany with the greatest distrust. Today's comment by the Vossische Zeitung recognizes that the President's suggestions, in their main points, are reconcilable with Germany's attitude. It says the note is a complicated document and adds: "There is no reason for Germany to harbor distrust against President Wilson and believes he was sincere when he suggested to our adversaries that they make known their peace conditions."

"The German press is divided into two groups as to the interpretation of the President's note. The Deutsche Tages Zeitung declares that President Wilson's intention is to rescue the land from an impending catastrophe. The newspaper points out that Secretary Lansing's remarks were published the same as the note and that they were hardly a threat against Germany. The Taglesche Rundschau speaks of 'American pressure.' The Magdeburgische Zeitung considers the note 'a snare which is laid in favor of the entente.' The Hamburger Nachrichten recalls the experience of the Vienna congress and says:

"What the failure of the Rumanian aid has been unable to do has now been undertaken by the United States."

German Attitude Changes.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 24, via Sayville, L. I.—Baron von dem Dussche-Haddenhausen, under secretary of the state for foreign affairs, in an interview with a member of the Overseas News Agency regarding President Wilson's note to the belligerents describes the reception of the note by German official circles as sympathetic.

The under secretary opened the conversation himself without delay, says the news agency report of the interview by saying:

"I am sure I know what you want to ask me. You want to know our opinion about what I may call President Wilson's peace note. In this case I think it would be best if you asked me regarding those points which impressed you as most important." In complying with his suggestion, the interviewer said:

"There are two main points in the President's note, which, although interwoven with each other make separate consideration necessary. The first is in relation to the immediate and near future and conveys the meaning that the conditions ought to be made known under which the belligerents consider the conclusion of peace possible. The second problem is far reaching. It takes a broad view of possibilities of the future in general and asks by what means such catastrophies as the present can be averted."

Baron Bussche, says the account of the interview agreed to this and said that also to his mind the two points mentioned made a somewhat different treatment desirable.

"As to the problem which you mention last," he remarked, "that of general arrangement for the future, I dare say that the United States will play an important part in them. The United States always has been amongst the most enthusiastic and foremost advocates of the idea of arbitration.

"As to the conclusion of peace itself, this must be done by the belligerents. I think I understand President Wilson aright if I say that he does not offer mediation for this point, and that he only shows the interest which the United States, as well as all other neutrals, naturally have to see peace restored."

VILLA FORCES AGAIN HAVE TAKEN TORREON

FOREIGNERS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN LEFT UNMOLESTED

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 24.—An American here known to be a close friend of Villa claimed today to have received information that Villa's forces now occupy Torreon, having captured the city at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Villa gave orders to commanders there not to harm the lives or property of foreigners.

A state department representative who received similar information, said he considered it reliable. The fight which preceded the town's occupation began at 4 a. m. Friday.

His statement confirmed the report that Villa had not harmed foreigners nor any of their property. Villa was not in Torreon in person as he was in the vicinity of Bernajillo.

The report that Villa forces had occupied Torreon was accepted here as a fact today by Americans who have been watching developments in Mexico. The report from Torreon brought by the refugees from Parral were that General Talamante had only a comparatively small garrison and the fact that the Americans left before the attack started was taken to indicate the inability of the Carranza forces to withstand the attack.

Government agents reported to Washington tonight that Villa had abandoned his plan of attacking Chihuahua City after taking Torreon and was planning to move on Monterey where the government is said to have been coining money. If Villa is successful in taking Monterey he would move to Tampico and besiege this east coast port in order to have a port of entry for ammunition and supplies, it was added. Carranza officials at Juarez said they had no confirmation of the capture of Torreon.

REPUBLICANS TO PLAN CAMPAIGN

House Leaders Will Work For Constructive Measures

MANN HAS OPPOSITION

Republican Leader's Support of Wilson's Peace Move Angers A. B. Gardner

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24. — Agitation for a conference of house Republicans to outline a definite plan of constructive action during this and the next congress to replace the present policy of merely opposing Democratic proposals began today to take form.

Upon his return from Cincinnati, where he announced his opposition to Republican Leader Mann for speaker of the next house and his support of Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin for the place, Representative Gardner of Massachusetts said he would immediately seek to have a conference called for the purpose of "formulating policies" for the future. He made it clear that his efforts to obtain a conference should be entirely disassociated from his opposition to Mr. Mann, which he says is based solely on his conviction that Mr. Mann stands for "Prussia and Prussianism" in international affairs.

Until Mann endorsed President Wilson's peace message, he said he favored him.

"I shall endeavor to have a conference called to formulate policies and discuss them rather than personalities," said the Massachusetts representative. I am tired for a lot of big wigs in the Republican party to prepart a platform for us that means nothing. The Republican party more nearly represents the people than any other and it is high time that we were planning for urging the adoption of many progressive ideas which already have been incorporated into laws in other countries."

Representative Lenroot evinced keen interest in the conference proposal and said he favored a similar plan.

"There is a very general sentiment on the Republican side," he said, "for a conference to discuss the future action of the party representatives in the house. I think that we should not be content with merely opposing Democratic proposals in the present congress. If we do not favor them, we should state our reasons and offer substitutes which we believe to be better. I should like to see the Republicans adopt such a plan for the remainder of the short term of congress and outline a general program of legislation for the next session."

Coincident with the return of Mr. Gardner it became known that he recently conferred with Col. Roosevelt on the house situation. Other than saying that a conference had been held, Mr. Gardner declined to discuss the meeting. Representative Schall of Minnesota, one of the two Progressives elected to the next house, is in receipt of an invitation to call on Col. Roosevelt. In political circles the colonel's activity is interpreted as indicating that he intends to take more than a passing interest in the organization of the house. Some observers in the present agitation for changes in the conduct of the Republican work in the house part of a general move have progressively inclined Republicans to command a hearing in the 1920 campaign work.

Representative Gardner's announcement of his intention to agitate for a conference met a cordial response among many of the Republicans who are anxious to prevent the present ranking minority members of several committees who are classified as standpatters from getting chairmanships unless they make declarations for progressive principles.

Nothing To Do With Conscription.

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 24.—Representatives of organized labor, who have protested to the Canadian government's national service plan have received from Director of National Service Bennett a reply stating that the proposed census of Canada's manhood power has nothing to do with conscription for military service, it was learned tonight. He declared the stock taking of men in Canada is designed, so far as he is concerned, only to put the government in a position to achieve a maximum of production of munitions, food and other articles of necessity for the population of the dominion as well as for the military and civil populations of allied countries.

Twenty-third's Departure Is Delayed.

Pharr, Texas, Dec. 24.—The Twenty-third infantry, scheduled to leave here today for home will not depart before tomorrow and possibly as late as Tuesday, it was announced at headquarters tonight. No reason for the delay was given.

Bandits Occupy Torreon.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Official reports to the state department today from border and Mexican interior points say that Villa bandits yesterday occupied Torreon. No details of the action were given.

Col. Lawrence Dies.

New York, Dec. 24.—Col Frederick Newbold Lawrence, once president of the Union club and president of the New York Stock Exchange, died here today in his 83rd year.

WILSONS SING CAROLS

President and Party Attend Community Gathering at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24. — The President and Mrs. Wilson attended a community Christmas eve celebration here today and for more than an hour stood on the steps of the treasury department singing Christmas carols with several thousand men, women and children. With them were Francis B. Sayre and Mrs. Sayre, who was Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson. Miss Margaret Wilson was one of the leaders of the singing and Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo stood with her.

The celebration, held under the auspices of the Washington Playgrounds association, was participated in by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Afterwards groups of boys and girls went to their own neighborhoods and sang Christmas carols.

The President had not planned to attend, but just before the singing began he walked over from the White House with members of his family. He was handed a sheet of music and joined in singing. He and Mrs. Wilson talked with the children and wished them a merry Christmas.

This morning the President and his wife went to the church and in the evening they visited relatives. A large Christmas tree has been put up on the second floor of the White House for tomorrow's celebration in which Josephine Cochran and Ellen McAdoo, his granddaughter, will be the principal figures.

FOOD SUPPLY IS ABOUT AN EVEN PROPOSITION

ENOUGH TO LAST THE YEAR IF CARE IS USED BY ALL

Rome, Italy, Dec. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The International Institute of Agriculture has published a report under the title, "Has the World Enough to Live Upon Until the Next Harvest?"

The report took into consideration five unfavorable factors, the failure of the northern hemisphere harvests of the year ending July 21 and particularly those of Canada and the United States; the unreleased crops of Russia owing to the continued closing of the Dardanelles; the extra and unusual consumption of food by the armies; the increased difficulty of transporting crops; and the fact that normally the world's food consumption increases year by year, partly due to population increases, and whereby a crop which does no more than attain to an antecedent average is actually an insufficient one.

The general conclusion of the report, while not favorable, indicates that if every nation, irrespective of those at war, exercises close economy there may be a narrow margin of surplus food left at the beginning of the next harvest year. It is also made clear that should the next harvest be no better than the present, the situation will be serious.

The report states: "It is clear that no one can estimate with any precision what may be the actual consumption of the world during the period dividing us from the next harvest." However, it places the consumption of wheat in the northern hemisphere countries at 2,337,500,000 bushels, adds to this the consumption of the southern hemisphere countries, and arrives at the total estimated consumption of 3,836,648,364 bushels. Taking into account all existing wheat, given this consumption figure, the report finds that the wheat surplus by July next will be but 46,281,609 bushels, and that this surplus will exist because of the preceding abundant harvest whereby 345,385,140 bushels of stored wheat were available to add to this year's consumption. This year's total wheat crop is therefore but 3,491,263,224 bushels, as compared to 4,062,567,000 bushels last year.

The report estimates the stores of Russian wheat so far available for military reasons at a total of 303,580,000 bushels. If this wheat is released at any time within the next calendar year, the food situation will be made easier, though not if the next harvest fails."

The report's definite figures deal with the five important food crops of the northern hemisphere, wheat, rye, barley, oats and corn. "It should be borne in mind," it states, "that these northern hemisphere crops are 93 per cent. of those of the whole world for wheat, 99.9 of those of rye, 99.1 per cent. of the barley, 97.8 of the oats, and 94.2 of the corn. The crops in the northern hemisphere lately gathered, taken as a whole, are undoubtedly bad. The wheat figures for 1916, 1915 and the average of the five-year period of 1909-13 are respectively 887,706,000 quintals; 1,095,406,000 quintals; and 935,316,000 quintals. In other words this year's crop is only 80.2 per cent of that of the previous year, and 94.9 per cent. of the average. (A quintal is 3 2-3 bushels).

For the five cereals, the grand totals indicate the present year's yield as but 88.7 per cent. of that of 1915 and 100.1 per cent. of the five-year period. These totals are 3,182,637,000 quintals for 1916; 3,586,166,000 quintals for 1915; and 3,178,342,000 quintals for the five-year average.

Taking into count estimates of the coming harvests in the southern hemisphere, the report gives as the whole world's surplus (not yield) for these five cereals 172,408,000 quintals (632,162,666 bushels) and the total surplus at the disposal of international trade at 14,090,000 quintals (51,663,333 bushels).

AIRMEN ACTIVE ON BRIGHT DAYS

Entente Aviators Superior to Slower Moving Germans

THRILLING BATTLES

Nervy Pilots Fight Thousands of Feet Above Earth in Sight of Both Armies

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 24, via London.—From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.—A day of sunshine—a rarity in December on the British front—recently caused a temporary revival of activity among aviators presenting a spectacle which a few years ago could have lived only in imagination.

Out of the distance there came early in the day a series of black specks which gradually grew until they took the form of German airplanes. British guns were ready and British airplanes were already climbing above the ruins of the shell torn Flemish town to challenge the invaders, as their approach had been signalled.

While the German machines were still over their own lines the British anti-aircraft cannon, known as "Archies" began to speak. There was a sharp, angry crack. A moment later a shell burst into a white puff ball just in the path of the oncoming airplanes. At first, the white fleck of powder smoke seemed no larger than a pin head, but it soon spread until it appeared as an exaggerated toy balloon and floated as lazily against the sky. Then there was another puff and then another until it seemed that half a hundred "Archies" must be going and the sky became a network of white smoke balls, each one marking a spot where a breaking shell had showered its leaden bullets upon the fast traveling Germans.

Up and up, through the danger zone of their own guns, the British aviators climbed eagerly to the fight. Soon between the scarcely perceptible interval of the "Archies" fire came the staccato notes of the machine guns. The British airmen had opened fire before reaching the level of their adversaries.

Now the British machines began to close in from various directions and the invaders turned suddenly and started for their own lines. Their precipitate retreat was marked by the same trail of shell fire as had been their approach. The British aviators pursued but having in this instance the distinct advantage of height and a diving start for home, the Germans temporarily got away.

This was the first phase of the day's battles in the air—a prelude to later fighting when two German machines came crashing to earth in spinning nose dives.

Most of the fighting aviators endeavor to "get on the other fellow's tail." It means a position above and slightly behind the adversary where one can fire down into him.

There was one memorable occasion when three British machines deliberately dived into a formation of 17 German machines, destroying two of the hostile planes and themselves escaping unhurt. Another time two British aviators attacked 11 Germans and once a second lieutenant attacked five alone.

TRUMPETS USHER IN CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

NEW YORK GIVES AS NEVER BEFORE TO ITS UNFORTUNATE ONES

New York, Dec. 24. — When the great "tree of light" flashed into life in Madison Square Garden at 6 o'clock tonight the official celebration of Christmas was begun in New York. Trumpet calls to the four corners of the earth by trumpeters in white and gold, were answered by an Indian chant and carols by a volunteer chorus of 1,000 voices as the lights were turned. Six hours later prayers for world peace were offered at a midnight mass in the Roman Catholic churches of the city.

But the distribution of Christmas cheer for the city's poor did not wait for nightfall. Police stations throughout the greater city were literally transformed into great storehouses for gifts of all descriptions intended for the needy. Trees had been provided. The police themselves acted as Santa Clauses in distributing the presents contributed for the poor.

Of the approximately 25,000 children whose hearts were gladdened by the police, many were cripples from the epidemic of infantile paralysis last summer.

Most of these children came from the tenements and but for the police they probably would have gone without gifts.

The Salvation army has arranged, it was announced, to care for the largest number of persons in its history at its dinner for the poor tomorrow. The Volunteers of America tonight distributed 500 baskets each containing a dinner for from five to ten poor people.

A wealthy woman living on Riverside Drive, according to the police, announced that she would care for 10 needy families for the rest of the winter, furnishing them with clothing food, fuel and rent.

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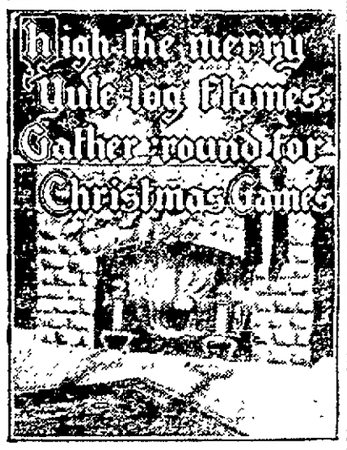
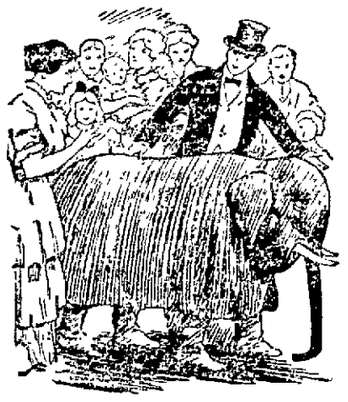


Playing at Being a Showman

IF you would have real fun at Christmas time be a showman and entertain your friends with the famous elephant from Feejeefolorum island. This is how to make the animal:

A large gray shawl is the outer covering. Sewn upon it are two large gray patches for ears. Two round white cardboard eyes. The tusks are long rolls of glazed paper.

The inside of the elephant is formed by two good natured friends, who bend over and hold the trunk (a cane) and the tusks, as indicated in the picture. The first boy holds the shawl in place while he sways the cane the way an



The Showman.

elephant moves his trunk. You, as the showman, can be arrayed in true East Indian fashion. Here is a good speech for you to get off while exhibiting the beast:

"Boys and girls, I am requested by my particular friend, Rambustification-Jamborechoptideodon of the Feejeefolorum islands, to present to your notice the famous elephant upon which this renowned and invincible warrior was mounted at the celebrated siege of

How the Elephant Is Made.

Luckontherongside. This elephant, ladies and gentlemen, is precisely 210 years of age, today being his birthday, and the register of his birth being carefully marked upon his offside tusk in the best India ink. Little boys are particularly requested not to put pins into this noble animal's legs, nor to put into his trunk more than a peck of apples at any one time."

You then order the elephant to do all sorts of stunts, which the boys under the shawl carry out as best they can.

Playing "Silence"

By all means try to keep from the supply of Christmas novelties one little figure of Santa Claus (it may be a candy box or simply a figure, but the former is better), in order to have the amusing game of "silence" form a part of the revels.

Some one is decided upon who will hide the Santa, and the rest are asked to adjourn for a moment to the hall. The player, instead of hiding the figure completely, simply places it in some rather out of the way position where it will be visible, but will not immediately catch the eye of the player. For instance, it may be placed upon something of approximately the same color or on one end of a full shelf or bookcase. Players coming in scan the room for the figure, and the first one to perceive it, without mentioning the fact to the others, quietly takes a seat. This is a general signal for the players to be seated, but in the excitement of the search many will fail to observe that one person is no longer standing. The last person to sit down is obliged to pay a forfeit.

The Wassail Bowl.

Wassail, or wassail bowl, is regarded as of such antiquity that it is said to have been known to the ancient Britons. For many centuries it has been a favorite beverage during Christmas festivities, although it was calculated to cause biliousness, if it did not have a more immediate disagreeable effect. Such a mixture ought to have been intoxicating. Here is the way they used to manufacture it in Oxford:

Put into a bowl half a pint of Lisbon sugar; pour on it one pint of warm beer; grate a nutmeg and some ginger into it, add four glasses of sherry and five additional pints of beer, stir it well, sweeten it to your taste, let it stand covered up two or three hours, then put three or four slices of bread, cut thin and toasted brown, into it, and it is fit for use.

Christmas Poetry

WITH gentle deeds and kindly thoughts
And loving words withal,
Welcome the merry Christmas on
And hear a brother's call.
—F. Lawrence.

Christmas comes, he comes, he comes,
Ushered with a rain of plums.
Hollies in the windows greet him,
Every mouth delights to name him.
Schools come driving home to meet him.
Wet and cold and wind and dark
Make him but the warmer mark.
—Leigh Hunt.

Long ere the dawn can claim the sky
The tempest rolls subservient by,
While bells on all sides ring and say
How Christ the child was born today.
—Lord Houghton.

Then pealed the bells more loud, more deep.
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep.
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.
—Longfellow.

Christmas Made Out of Pennies

IT was two weeks before Christmas. Mrs. Bricklayer awoke to the fact with a gasp of horror. She hadn't thought of Christmas coming for a month yet. Poor soul, how could she? There was nothing very Christmasy in her life just at present. The freezing weather had started in on Dec. 1, and John Bricklayer had not been able to lay a brick since.

Peter was only one; it wouldn't cost much to please him. Susie, aged four, could string up all those spools for Peter, and they could make him a fine rattle by putting a few beans in a round ribbon box.

Susie was four—well, she would just like a doll's house made out of four grocery boxes, painted outside and papered with those bits of wall paper the janitor left behind him. Johnny could do that; it would keep him off the streets afternoons and save his good shoes from so much walking. And while Johnny was using wooden boxes he could make a grocery store for Tim. Mary thought she could afford a few pennies to get a scale for Tim and a few bits of furniture for Susie—surely the child would not expect much. They could make chairs and beds and tables of blocks of wood. Mrs. Bricklayer herself could dress some wonderful clothespin dolls to live in the doll house. Perhaps Johnny could find a pair of wheels and make a new soap box cart for Susie and Tim to play with. And there was Katie wishing for doll's dishes and clothes so much. Father Bricklayer was handy with tools; perhaps he could make a little cupboard out of the ever useful soap box.

Finally when Christmas morning dawned in the Bricklayers' tiny flat each stocking held, besides a few nuts and an orange, a homemade molasses popcorn ball and some gift, as a wishbone penwiper, a bean bag, a homemade set of jackstraws which had helped Father Bricklayer to pass many idle moments, a rag doll, a little fancy cap and apron, marble bags and lunch bags and some little knickknacks for the dry goods box dressing table that had been made for Kate and hung with an old lace curtain.

There wasn't much for poor Johnny, but he was a big, brave boy and was so proud of baymade the others happy that he forgot to think of himself. Anyway, father gave him his very own pocketknife to keep, and it made him happy.

All told, the Bricklayers had a happier Christmas than the Hilltops, for whom the toy marts had been plundered.—Mrs. Blanche Cole Rosedale in New York Evening Sun

His Yuletide Scheme

A New York paper printed a few years ago an amusing letter written by a man who says he has invented a simple plan whereby the prospective sender of gifts may be put in touch with the wants and don't wants of his friends. His idea is simply that a circular letter should be mailed to his friends about Dec. 10. The letter should state that, as the recipient has given him presents in the past, the writer supposes he is considering a continuance of such action, and in order to spare the giver worry and the writer disappointment, the latter is solving the problem by the application of a little common sense.

He proposes to inclose two lists, one containing the names of articles he does not want while the other list would have upon it gifts he would like to receive.

Christmas Island.

Christmas Island, in the Pacific ocean is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

Christmas Magic to Try on Your Guests

WHEN the family or friends are gathered around the fireside in the Christmas season a pleasant and instructive evening can be derived in introducing the following easy but perplexing experiments, which "Herrmann the Great" often performed for the amusement of his guests after a social dinner:

"The Suspended Plate."

Many a boy has had an immense lot of fun from the use of what he terms a "sucker," generally made from a piece of leather, to which through a hole in the center he attaches a string, and with this bit of leather, when wet, he is enabled to lift stones and other heavy materials, but here is a sucker he never dreamed of. Take an ordinary radish—if you can get a large one so much the better—cut it away at the bottom, leaving a flat surface. Apply this to a dinner plate, and you will find they will become attached friends.

"The Jumping Coin."

A coin is placed on the table and a request is made for the coin to be handed to you in a person's hand, but they are not to remove the coin from the table by using hands, feet or picking it up with the mouth. Now, this seems a puzzle, but it is as simple as A, B, C. All the person has to do is to place his mouth within a short distance of the coin, and giving a strong blow with his breath, directing it at the coin at about an angle of forty-five degrees, causing the air to pass under the coin and propel it into the air, where it is caught in the hand which is ready to receive it.

"The Demon of Champagne."

While at the dinner table, if champagne has been served, a rather amusing little experiment can be performed thus: Cut a little demon out of paper and attach it to one end of a toothpick or a match, to the other end tie a piece of thread, at the opposite end of which is fastened a raisin. Now through the center of the match push a pin and then attach with this pin to a cork on a bottle. Screen this from view by means of a napkin stretched over a couple of bottles and drop the raisin into a champagne glass. All that is now to be seen is the little demon. If the glass be now filled with champagne we will see some fun. The little globules of gas from the champagne attach themselves to the raisin, and after awhile, when quite a number have accumulated, it will be found the raisin will rise to the surface of the liquid. This causes the little demon to vanish. As soon as the raisin has reached the air the globules of gas explode and the raisin sinks to the bottom of the glass again, and once more the demon is seen. Again the raisin becomes covered with the little globules of gas, again it rises, again the demon disappears, and this continues as long as there is effervescence of life in the champagne.

How the Demon Works.

Lively Indoor Sports

If the Christmas fun should lag try these sports:

Rubber quoits are always delightful indoors. If the disk holding the peg is of iron or lead or lead weighted so that it will not slide when hit with a quoit the game is very satisfactory.

Shuffleboard on the extended dining room table is also a dandy game. There is a narrow strip of oilcloth stretched from end to end, and on this the smooth, round wooden disks are shoved. A cross line five inches from each end counts two for disks entirely beyond it; a disk hanging over the end of the table counts three; a disk that touches the edge of the oilcloth anywhere or that does not come entirely inside of a line two and a half feet from the end counts nothing. The trick is to knock your high scoring opponent's disk or to score past him, and only the most advanced disk counts.

THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS.

Had Its Origin in Germany and Is Spreading Here Rapidly.

The celebration of the "community Christmas" in this country originated in a dinner table conversation of a group of artists in New York in 1912. One of the group, a young man who had just returned from study in Germany, was enthusiastic over the community festivals there, and the transplanting of the celebration to the United States had its birth at that time. The first community Christmas tree in this country was the Madison square "Tree of Light" in 1912. Various factors in the life of New York as a community contributed to the arrangement and financing of the tree. Since then the custom has spread to hundreds of cities, towns and villages, which have adapted the idea to their particular needs and circumstances and plan to make it a permanent establishment. The custom has existed in Germany for many years, is in fact an old German tradition and "fest." Specific information as to "what to do and how to do it" in planning and organizing a community festival may be obtained by addressing "The Tree of Light," Postoffice Station G, New York city.

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Some Christmas Celebrations

How Holiday Is Observed In Various Sections of the United States

IF a northern child were to visit one of our southern states on Christmas day he would wonder if he had not in some way got his calendar twisted and if it was not really the Fourth of July instead.

The stores are full of firecrackers at this time, and every child in the south has his firecrackers and cannons and horns and the like. The noise starts at midnight Christmas eve, and all day long the crackers and toy cannons are fired. The bands march around playing the favorite southern songs, "Dixie" and "My Maryland," and the soldiers march the streets to the strains of the music, stopping now and then to fire salutes. This is the happiest time of the year to the southern children.

Santa Claus visits them just as he does the children in the north.

Among the Pennsylvania Dutch you never hear of Santa Claus. If you were to be there at Christmas and talk about him the children would ask you who you were talking about. The "man with the pack" who visits them is called Pelznickel, and the mother of bad children often threatens them with the saying:

"You'd better be good or Pelznickel will catch you!"

Some old man in the neighborhood always plays the part of Pelznickel on Christmas eve and dresses up so the children will not recognize him and starts out. On his back is a large bag of toys, which he holds in place with one hand, and in the other hand he holds a switch. Then he comes to the door and asks the mother if the children have been good. To those whom she says have been good he gives presents, and the bad ones he catches—if he can—and playfully strikes them with the switch which he carries.

Among the descendants of the old Spanish settlers in some parts of America we find that they observe a week in the celebration of Christmas. This begins one week before Christmas. In the daytime they have dinners at each other's home, and in the evenings they give a series of parties at the different houses. In the evening the young folk go to the home of one of their number and knock, and then all begin to sing. Those within the house ask, "Who is there?" and the answer is, "The Virgin Mary and St. Joseph seek lodging in your house." To carry out the Bible story they are at first refused admittance, and then the door is opened wide, and they are all given a hearty welcome.

On Christmas eve the old and young all join together and have a big celebration. In a large hall they fix up one side to represent the manger, and here they very solemnly give a little play, in which many take part, the characters being Mary and Joseph, the wise men, the shepherds and the angels. This play is very real to them, and they all play their parts with a reverent spirit.

Don't Open Till Christmas

A certain chap in Chicago last Christmas almost made a reputation as a joker by using the tags marked "*Don't open until Christmas*." But he didn't use them on packages that cost money. Not much! What he did was to buy a lot of penny Christmas postcards, and on each one he stuck a tag, "Don't open till Christmas."

Then he sent them to all his friends, and they were so tickled with the idea that they never thought about how cheaply he had got off. Mind over matter, see?

And nearly as funny as the joke was the fact that a lot of women who received these cards soaked them in warm water and split them open, or tried to split them open, in the firm belief that the cards could really be opened.

Parlor Football

There is no reason why this Christmas game should not be as heartily enjoyed by grownups as well as children. In fact, any one that understands the real game can become quite scientific in the one above named. Three things are requisite for the game—empty eggshells, the contents having been expelled through pinholes punctured at the ends; a large, smooth table and plenty of breath, for the game is played with the eggshells blown about on the table.

Sides are chosen, and the real tactics of the game, so far as they are adaptable, are observed. Other games, such as pool and billiards, can be played in this manner.

Help him make a Christmas of HEALTH—

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Fixed That All Right.

Galleigh—Here's the dress suit you loaned me, old chap, and many thanks. It didn't fit me very well, so I had the tailor make a few alterations. Green—The deuce you did! Well, of all the—Galleigh—Oh, it's all right, old chap. I told him to send the bill to me.—Boston Transcript.

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HRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

ightful Program Rendered at School Friday Afternoon.

ilford, Dec. 24.—Friday afternoon assembly hall at the Milford High ool was crowded to listen to the ual Christmas entertainment giv- by the pupils of the grades assisted the High school orchestra and Glee . There were recitations, songs drills by the members of the vari- rooms and each number was lis- d to with delight. The selections the Glee club and school orchestra e especially pleasing.

Christmas Tree at Church.

espite the stormy weather of Fri- evening nearly every member of Sunday school and church was ent at the annual Christmas tree ice at the Methodist Episcopal rch. The tree and room was pret- decorated for the occasion and the held gifts for everyone. Follow- a musical program light refresh- ts were served, the evening prov- one of great enjoyment to all.

To Entertain Card Club.

r. and Mrs. Earl Culver will enter- the members of the 500 club at r residence on East Main street on lay evening of this week.

Dance Thursday Evening.

he young people of Milford are ning for a dance to be held at the Saxton & Jewell hall on Thursday evening of next week. Music will be furnished by Wolcott's orchestra of Oneonta. This is the first dance held here in several months and should be well attended.

Closed for Christmas.

The Milford National bank will be closed all day Monday, Christmas day. The post office will be closed from 11:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. The business places in general will remain closed the entire day.

COLLIERS.

Colliers, Dec. 24.—Miss Irma Russell is home from Mr. Holyoke to spend her Christmas vacation.—Mrs. W. J. Barnes entertained friends from Oneonta last Thursday.—Schol closed Friday with a Christmas tree for a two weeks' vacation.—Miss Amelia Rifenbark arrived home Friday night from Little Falls to spend Christmas with her parents.—Mrs. George Dorian and children of Oneonta visited at Bernard Spaulding's last week.

Colliers Winter Picnic.

Colliers, Dec. 24.—A winter picnic will be held at the hall at Cooperstown Junction Tuesday, December 26. This is for the Sunday school and community. Every one come and bring something good to eat.

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

STAMFORD NEWS NOTES.

unnity Christmas Cantata at Opera House Last Thursday.

amford, Dec. 24. — The Commun- Christmas cantata, "Prophecy and filment," rendered by the Stam- union choirs, assisted by H. E. hfield, tenor; Ralph Herrick, cor- and the Stamford orchestra, given Stamford Opera house Thursday t was a good entertainment. The ata was a fine one and was well ered by the union choirs. Mr. hfield sang several solos and Mr. rick rendered selections on the et, in one of which he sounded all notes of his cornet at one time erfect chord, which was new and ual. A very pleasing number not tioned on the program was a read- of Eugene Field's "Mountain. d and Sea" by Miss Ruth Hub- . The music furnished by the nford orchestra was all that could be desired. Mr. Litchfield was the conductor and Mrs. W. H. Corbin was the accompanist. Every number on the program received an encore. While the entertainment was fairly well attended, the receipts wer only enough to pay the expenses and there will be no funds left to give to charity, as was intended by the promoters

Heth Griffin Auction.

The auction of the personal effects of the late Heth Griffin was held at his late residence in the Township Wednesday, Dec. 20. There was a good attendance and the goods sold for more than the appraisal. There were many articles of mahogany furniture, hand woven linen and quilts, which were purchased by those present who make collections of antiques.

Christmas Exercises at the Churches.

A Christmas tree and party for the younger children of the Sunday school was held in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon. A special vesper service was held in the church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock; there was Christmas music by the choir and Sunday school children and a talk by the pastor.

A Christmas entertainment and tree will be given at the Methodist Episcopal church Monday evening, Dec. 25, at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Ruth Hubbard will give a reading. A collection will be taken for war relief.

The Baptist Sunday school held its annual Christmas exercises Saturday evening. Songs, recitations and carols were rendered. There also was a Christmas tree.

There will be special Christmas services at Grace church Christmas day at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and collection for relief of war sufferers.

Stamford Poultry Show.

The Stamford Poultry association held a Poultry show at Stamford seminary, Dec. 21-22. Owing to the bad snow storm the show was not as well attended or as successful as planned. There were over 150 birds entered from Stamford and surrounding villages. Prof. F. D. Brooks of Delhi was the judge and awarded ribbons to the winners. There were many fine birds in the exhibit.

Bad Snow Storm.

One of the worst snow storms in some time visited Stamford Friday and damaged trees, telephone and electric wires and buildings. Over a foot of snow fell. Many roads are drifted and farmers had hard work to deliver their milk to the creamery Saturday.

Christmas Entertainment.

The young pupils of Stamford seminary gave a pleasing Christmas entertainment at the Stamford Opera house Friday afternoon. The bad storm prevented a large attendance.

Items of Interest.

Since the close of the revival meetings 34 persons have been baptised and 40 received into membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. — About 400 people patronized the U. & D. railroad shoppers' excursion from Arkville to Kingston last Wednesday. — Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Rowland and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Corbin have gone to New York for the holidays. — Mrs. L. E. Richards has gone to New Jersey and Philadelphia to visit her sons. — Mandy Borst, who fell down the cellar stairs of her home last Saturday night and was seriously injured, is improving and will recover from the fall.

LATE NEWS FROM SIDNEY.

William H. Wilson Dies After Three Months' Illness of Cancer of Liver.

Sidney, Dec. 24. — William H. Wilson died at his home on River street, Thursday afternoon, December 21, at 4 o'clock, after an illness of nearly three months' duration. The direct cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He had been confined to his bed since election day. Mr. Wilson was a native of Walton, having been born in that village in 1852, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Wilson. He had been a resident of Sidney the past nine years, coming here from Masonville, where he had been one of the influential residents of the town since 1871. He was employed in the United States revenue service for four years under the Cleveland administration and served the town of Masonville as supervisor eight years and justice of the peace 14 years. He was united in marriage in 1874 to Miss Ella Vail of Masonville, who, with two children, Dr. G. V. Wilson of Jamestown and Marie, wife of D. H. McKinnon of Sidney, survive him. His funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home, Rev. Ernest Ladbrook of St. Paul's church officiating. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Wilson was one of Sidney's substantial citizens and successful business men and his long illness and death have been a source of sympathy and regret to the many friends of the family.

Kaysers' Christmas Gifts.

Employes of the Kayser factory were made happy when on Friday evening they received their weekly pay envelopes to find that each contained a gold piece, or pieces, varying in amount from $5 to $15, according to the amount of their regular wages. This kindly remembrance by their employers is certainly appreciated by the employes, especially at this season. The amount passed out at the Sidney branch of this big concern, and which includes the branch factories at Oneonta and Bainbridge, was about $4,000. In this country and Canada the Julius Kayser company employ about 4,000 hands and as they were all accorded the same generous treatment as the employes here, it cost the company nearly $50,000 for their Christmas generosity. Their factories are located at Brooklyn, Amsterdam, Owego, Hornell, Sidney and Rockville in New York state, and at Sherbrooke, Canada.

Death of An Infant.

Monica Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hillsinger, died this morning at the age of two months, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held Sunday, Rev. William Barnfather officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Sidney Short-Cuts.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rex Friday afternoon. Mrs. Rex, was formerly Miss Olive Landers. — Captain-elect Harry English and Past Captains A. E. Covey and J. H. Brown of Canton Sidney were in Binghamton Friday to attend the funeral of Charles Mitchell, a prominent Odd Fellows of that city. — Miss Lena Miller, a teacher in the State School for the Blind at Batavia, has arrived at the family home for the holidays. She was accompanied by Miss Alene Elliott of Bainbridge, a student at the school. — Jay O. Newkirk, who is attending a college of optometry at Richester, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, F. A. Newkirk. — Miss Emma Booth is visiting relatives at Sidney Center. — Miss Gladys Barney is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. F. M. Greenfield, at Albany. — Mrs. J. C. Manwaring and daughter, Louise, are guests of relatives at South New Berlin. — Mrs. Luna Vaerguson of Oneonta was a week-end guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Hebbler. — Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Simons are holiday guests of their son, Erle Simons, at South New Berlin. The latter is making a good recovery from a surgical operation recently undergone at the

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GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Whoever has been much out on the streets during the past few days, in particular at the railway stations, must have been impressed, not chiefly with the bustle and excitement, but rather with the settled joy upon the faces of those whom he has met. It has been a clear radiance which told of many delightful secrets in the heart; but mostly the thing it spelled and that most surely, was that everybody, after days, or months, or years, perhaps, of absence, upon this Christmastide was "going home."

There were the boy and girl, at study since the school year began but always with the memory of other skies to haunt their sleeping or their waking hours, now with the term's tasks done, with study for the nonce shuffled off like a garment, and with smiles rippling uncontrolled over their faces, for they were "going home."

There were those a little older, whom higher institutions of learning have called, or who are themselves teachers, trying to be sedate as fits one so burdened with knowledge, but contagiously happy none the less because Greek roots and mathematical abstruseness were for a fortnight forgotten in the dear delight of "going home."

There were the newly-married folk who never before had spent a year of absence from the parental roof. Slowly the months had run, but their dreary length was forgotten now because of the great day after months of separation when they turned their faces toward the low-ceilinged farmhouse, where there was a welcome waiting for the fledglings, who after a first flight were "going home."

Others of a few more years—fathers and mothers with children clinging to their hands, and with crowded hand bags and suit cases and mysterious bundles. All restless, perhaps, and some of them tired, but everybody happy because, whether to father's or "grandpa's" they were "going home."

And still others of all ages, with whom the fates had not dealt with such kindness, who in the same sense were not on their way back to the old nest, having neither parents nor near kindred to greet them on this great day of the year, but who were happy because they had not been forgotten, and because in such fashion as in alien households one can be they would be welcomed and comforted. They, too, in a real sense were "going home."

And last there were those of wrinkled face and shining hair, whose footsteps took an added feeblesness and whose eyes dimmed with the fading sunshine of the year. Yet there was joy in their faces of a more generous, understanding sort than that of those who had fewer seasons in their reckoning, and a settled quiet which is perhaps one of the compensations which time bestows. Who, seeing these, could doubt that on their long desert journey they had followed the star; or that the glow on their faces was assurance that, with spring behind them and much of the joy of earthly living, they still were happy because in a nobler sense than youth can appreciate, they had heard the summons of the Father, and presently were "going home!"

ON TROLLEY ALL NIGHT.

Students of Oneonta Normal Marooned Friday Night Near Richfield.

The following Associated Press dispatch of Saturday from Utica will bring to many readers the first tidings of the adventures of Oneonta Normal students last Friday while on their way home for the Christmas vacation. The dispatch says

Utica, Dec. 23.—More than 100 people, of whom about 60 were Oneonta Normal girls coming home for the holidays, were marooned on two cars of the Oneonta and Herkimer electric railroad four miles from Richfield Springs in eighteen feet of snow last night. They passed the night in the cars and at midnight there was only about a shovelful of coal left to feed the fires. A train came from Richfield Springs with coal which kept the passengers from freezing. A truck containing food was hurried by the company officials from Richfield Springs

An army of snow shovelers and a snow plow worked through the night and at 8 o'clock in the morning the cars started. They were about four hours in reaching Mohawk, twenty miles. There were school girls from all over the state, including the cities of New York, Rochester, Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo, Rome and other places.

Place Property Sold.

The house and two acres of land at the Oneonta Plains, known as the Place property, was sold at auction Saturday in partition proceedings at the door of the office of D. J. Kilkenny in this city. There were about 15 bidders present and sharp competition up to about $600, after which the price advanced by $10 and $5 bids to $815, at which figure it was struck off to Frank Bissell, who it is understood contemplates considerable repairs and betterments to the house. A. L. Kellogg was attorney for the petitioner in the case, and D. J. Kilkenny was referee.

ELABORATE XMAS PROGRAMS

Churches of City Celebrate Christmas with Appropriate Exercises and Trees.

At the First Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon Christmas was celebrated by the kindergarten children. Songs and recitations by the little tots were followed by the coming of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts.

Last evening the older members of the Sunday school held their exercises. A program was given, including responsive reading, a prayer by Dr. Russell, songs by the school, recitations by Gladys Warner, Catherine Gallagher and Albert Weidner, and a duet by the Misses Brownell and Rowe. A cantata followed under the direction of Miss Sara Emery and Mrs. Stuart De Ronde. The parts were taken as follows:

Santa—Stuart Brownell.
Mrs. Santa—Adelaide Gallagher.
Jack Frost—Arthur Bouton.
Doctor Cure-em-Quickly—Claude Countryman.
Brownies—Charles Lauren, Frank Miller.
Fairies—Helen Potter, Eleanor Becker, Helen Coy.
Fairy Youngheart—Beatrice Suffern.
Little Girl—Ella Marks.

Between the acts songs were sung by Norville and Doris Marx.

Chapin Memorial Universalist Church.

At the Universalist church the program was given as printed in Saturday's Star. The children of the Afro-American mission were entertained. The tableau, "The Visit of the Wise Men" was well worked out. The three wise men were represented by R. I. Westcott, C. F. Farmer and Velmore Campbell; the mother, by Mrs. Lillian Packer. At the close of the program Santa Claus appeared, represented by H. W. Fluhrer, and with very appropriate remarks distributed the gifts assisted by Francis Campbell and Donald Miller. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a Christmas song unaccompanied, by little Miss Ruth Thomas.

English Lutheran Church.

At the Lutheran church this evening at 7 o'clock the following program will be given:

Music. Sunday school orchestra.
Christians Salute the Happy Morn. Processional Choir.
Hymn—"Joy to the World." Sunday school book No. 69.
"Merry Christmas." Margaret Grant.
"A Wish." Albert Waterhouse.
Christmas song by Primaries.
Response Scripture Lesson, Selection. Sunday school book.
Gloria Patri and Prayer.
Singing—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." No 66 Sunday school book.
Gospel and Epistle Lesson. Fred Frommhagen.
Christmas Anthem. Choir.
Duet—"Holy Night, Peaceful Night." Edith Webber and Yula Davenport.
"The Little Babes." Grace Kleeman.
"Hail, Prince of Peace." Rosy Westfall and Wilhimina Wilkinson.
Singing—"O Little Town of Bethlehem." Sunday school book No. 70.
"A Question." Peter Borsac.
"Christmas Star." Edith Umberwust.
Recitation by three—"I Am Just a Little Boy. Ernest Westfall. "Glad When Christmas Comes." Mildred Otto. "Merry Christmas." Audrey Barnes.
Recitation. Henry Grant.
"Christmas All the Year Round." Aurelia M. Trauger.
Singing—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." Sunday school book No. 78.
"The Crowning of Christmas." Mildred Edleman.
"Why Do All the Church Bells Ring?" Travilla Trinkino.
Christmas Address and Offering and Duet. Misses Valborg and Margaret Grant.
Recitation—"A Generous Little Boy." Max Galusha.
"The Snow Shovelers" Sherman Becker, Howard Place, Frank Otten.
Song—"Shout the Glad Tidings" Sunday school book No. 75.
"Merry Christmas Drill." By fourteen girls
Recitation—"The Christmas Spirit." Martha Gleeman.
"Gifts of Christmas" Ernest Westfall and Allson Webber.
Solo—"The End of a Christmas Day." Miss Ruth Belyea.
Distribution from tree and closing with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

West End Mission.

The West End mission will observe Christmas with exercises and a tree on Tuesday evening, December 26, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Following is the program:

Song—"Joy to the World" School
Scripture reading and prayer. Pastor.
Response—"Come Spirit, Come." William Haines and superintendent.
Song—"Jesus the Meek and Mild" School.
A Christmas Greeting—"Five Little Lasses" Marguerite Cole.
Recitation—"My New Christmas Dolly Helen Cole.
Recitation—"Christmas Greeting." Daisy Horton.
Solo—"Long Ago the Shepherds Watching" Elizabeth Tarbox.
Exercise—"The Christmas Message." Four boys
Recitation—"No Room" Alice Linacre
Recitation—"On Christmas Day, So Early in the Morning" Alma Jones
Exercise—"Jesus' Birthday" Mrs. Woodward's class
Recitation—"Signs of Christmas." Julian Cole.
Exercise—"When the King Comes." Mrs. Horton's class.
Song—"We Love Christmas Time." Primary department.
Exercise—"The Birthday of Our King." Miss Lauer's class.
Recitation—"Christmas Cheer All the Year." Edna Tripp.
Exercise—"Presents for Christmas." Seven Primary girls.
Recitation—"No One Brings Toys To Me." James Smith.
Song—"Brighten the Corner." School
Distribution of presents.
Benediction.
"Home Sweet Home."

FINDINGS IN RONAN CASE

Miss Mary G. Doran to Have Custody of Person of Children—Custody of Estate to Remain As Before.

Judge Cowles of Unadilla was in Oneonta Saturday for the purpose of rendering his decision in the Ronan case, which for three days had been on trial before the surrogate at the county court chambers in this city. As the term of Judge Cowles expires with the present month, it was his desire that this case as well as other pending litigation in the court be disposed of as soon as possible; and this was also the desire of the parties and the attorneys in the proceeding. The petitioners, Thomas and Mary Ronan, infant children of the late M. G. Ronan, were represented by Hon. John F. Murtaugh of Elmira and Hon. Charles C. Flaesch of Unadilla, executor by E. A. Hayward esq. and Judge A. L. Kellogg of Oneonta.

In his decision Judge Cowles said that he had been mindful entirely of what he believed to be for the best interests of the children, both of whom had reached an age at which with the approval of the court they are competent to select their guardian. Both now have their domicile at Athens, Pa., and are in the actual care of their aunt, while the legal custody is in the hands of their guardian in Oneonta. This, he believed, should not be the case, and he accordingly approved the petition so far as it related to the custody of the children, and Miss Doran was made their guardian for that purpose.

The petition, so far as it relates to the property of the children, is denied and Dr. A. W. Cutler is continued as guardian. The property of the children is mainly in the county of Otsego, and the court held that as it had been well administered, the best interests of the parties concerned would be conserved by having the present custody of the estate continue.

The present allowances, which are $1,200 per annum for Mary D. Ronan, who is a student in the schools at Athens, is continued; as is also that of $2,000 per annum for Thomas E. Ronan, who is now a student of Holy Cross college. The allowance above noted is to be sent monthly to Miss Doran, who is to give a bond of $4,000 for its proper use, and who will also have the custody of their immediate personal belongings and of the automobile. A decree to the above effect has been drawn by Messrs. Flaesch and Hayward, representing the several interests, and it will at once be signed by the surrogate.

The decision as handed down, appears to have met with the approval of the counsel on both sides, and will doubtless appeal to all who have followed the case as a fair and well considered disposition of a very important matter.

CONTESTS IN SEAL CAMPAIGN.

Race For National and State Pennants Likely to Be Very Close.

New York, Dec. 22.—With the Christmas spirit in the air and Christmas money in most everybody's pocket, the last ten days of the Red Cross seal campaign promise to be a fruitful period for the anti-tuberculosis cause in this state. Local agents in every county are pushing their campaigns right up to the threshold of the new year in the hope of capturing a state or national pennant awarded for the highest per capita sale of seals. The annual race for pennants has become a distinctive feature of the New York State Red Cross Seal campaign. Its object is to stimulate civic pride in the interest of the anti-tuberculosis crusade. For the purpose of the competition cities and towns are divided into various classes, population from 25,000 to 50,000, from 50,000 to 150,000, etc, and a silk banner is awarded to the winner in each class. The winning localities in these annual competitions have come to be regarded as leaders in health advancement and the banners are much sought after prizes.

Particular interest centers in the race among the cities of the second class, population ranging from 50,000 to 150,000. Albany, Binghamton, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, and Yonkers are the competitors. For two successive years Troy has marched off with the national pennant; in 1914, to the tune of a 5.72 per capita sale and in 1915 with a sale of 4.87 seals per inhabitant. This year several of the cities of the second class have flung defiant challenges at Troy and vowed to oust her from first place. A hotly contested race is anticipated.

Interest has been added to the competition among the smaller localities population ranging from 600 to 1,200, by a challenge from Hershey, Pa. Last year Hershey captured the national pennant in her class by a remarkable sale of 29.01 seals per inhabitant. She expects to duplicate the trick for the 1916 campaign and has declared her intentions in the form of a challenge to all New York towns in her population group. Rumors come from Nassau county, however, to the effect that Garden City" is preparing to "come back" and beat Hershey as he did in 1914.

At Chambers in Oneonta.

There was a hearing before Judge Kellogg in chambers in Oneonta Saturday relative to the application of E. D. Hooker as guardian of the personal property of Hattie Wilsey of Maryland, an incompetent person, for a proceeding to sell real estate to pay debts. A decree was granted fixing the amount for which the estate is liable for the incompetent to this time James P. Friery appeared for the petitioner, and C. E. Holmes as special guardian.

ROOMS FOR GRANGE DELEGATES.

All Who Can Entertain Are Urged at Once to Notify M. G. Keenan.

With the annual convention of the New York State Grange only about a month distant the committee from the Chamber of Commerce, which has had the task of assigning the delegates to rooms believe all will be properly housed and cared for when the time arrives. The committee, however, is basing its belief, upon the fact that Oneonta stands high in hospitality, and that still many more homes among the prominent people of the city will be opened for the purpose of entertaining the visitors. Chairman of the committee, M. G. Keenan, stated that practically two-thirds of the necessary rooms required had already been secured and he is hopeful that by the end end of the week so many people will have expressed a willingness to co-operate that there will be no further apprehension on the part of the committee for the entertainment of our guests.

Where two persons occupy a room together the prevailing rate in the homes is $1.50 per night per couple; single rooms $1.00 per night per person. It is not necessary on the part of the hostess to furnish breakfast for the delegates but in many instances this has been agreed upon but of course at an extra charge.

Those who can entertain any number of delegates should notify at once the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce or Mr. Keenan, chairman of the local entertainment committee.

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D. & H. Equipment Radiates Christmas Cheer to Travelers.

Instead of sympathizing with the traveler who has to spend a Christmas or New Year day on a train, we can now well envy him if all railroads follow the lead of the Delaware and Hudson.

During the holiday season D. & H. dining and cafe cars are seasonably fitted out with evergreen, holly and other "Christmassy" decorations. Even the menu cards carry out the spirit of Christmas.

No longer need the traveler sit himself down to a lonely and cheerless dining car meal during the festive season. His thoughts no more need stray homeward where the Christmas tree, the steaming turkey and the plum pudding are being enjoyed. The railroad has brought Christmas to him with seasonable foods and surroundings, thus providing pleasure as well as safety and comfort during his journey without additional cost.

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8 a. m. - - - - - - - 21
2 p. m. - - - - - - - 26
8 p. m. - - - - - - - 28
Maximum 29 — Minimum 20

Saturday's temperature:

8 a. m. - - - - - - - 18
2 p. m. - - - - - - - 27
8 p. m. - - - - - - - 22
Maximum 29 — Minimum 18

LOCAL MENTION.

—The Y. M. C. A. rooms will be open today from 3:30 to 10 p. m.

—The funeral services of William Dengee will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the residence of his sister, 177 Main street. Rev. W. E. Smiley will officiate and the body will be placed in the vault at Riverside.

—The Oneonta Department store, which during the past year has given bonuses of $2,000 to its clerks, presented a $2.50 gold piece to each of its regular employes on Saturday as a Christmas remembrance.

—The attention of our readers is called to the big Christmas club advertisement of the Citizens' National bank, which appears in another column. The club this year resulted in the accumulation of over $40,000 in small amounts which has gone out in the form of Christmas checks to 1,500 patrons. It is believed that the new club will be even more successful.

ATTEND THE INAUGURATION.

Visit the State Capitol and See Governor Whitman Take Oath of Office.

Every one should plan to visit Albany and see the inauguration of Govnor-Elect Charles S. Whitman on Monday, January 1, 1917. The city will be in gala dress for the occasion and arrangements have been made to furnish adequate accommodations for all visitors.

The Delaware and Hudson company will sell regular tickets to Albany and return good on all regular trains of that date. For specific information as to rates and schedules apply to nearest D. & H. agent or to M. J. Powers, G. P. A., D. & H. Co., Albany, N. Y.

Will Distribute Christmas Baskets.

This morning the Salvation Army distributes about 50 Christmas baskets to deserving poor families. This number is much less than last year, due to the fact that there is more work and therefore more prosperity this winter. Each basket contains the following: One loaf of bread, one pound of butter, one can of canned goods, one pie, tea, coffee, sugar, potatoes, apples and three and a half or four pounds of meat or chicken. This will be used for the Christmas dinner. Besides other contributions, about $10 has been given to the Salvation Army through their kettle.

Two Thousand for Employes.

The Oneonta Grocery company made a liberal distribution of cash to its employes on Saturday last, and as a result some 21 persons are enjoying Christmas today more heartily. The basis of giving was 10 per cent of one year's salary to those who had been employed ten years or more, with a less sum for those employed for shorter periods. The total sum thus distributed was nearly $2,000. Doubtless, as President Eggleston believes, it is a good investment, besides being evidence of the kindly spirit of the company towards its employes.

Meetings Today.

Regular meeting Canton David Wilber, No. 57, this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be a smoker and a guessing contest at the Veteran Firemen's parlors tonight. Light refreshments will also be served. By order of captain.

Meeting Tuesday.

All children of the United Presbyterian church will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church parlors for practice.

Christmas Mail Delivery.

The post office will be open today, Christmas day, from 7:30 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon. One delivery in the city will be made by city letter carriers, and five additional parcel post carriers with horse drawn vehicles have been engaged to insure delivery of all Christmas parcels received at the office.

No Star on Tuesday.

In accordance with the usual plan of The Star, which is to give its employes a full holiday on Christmas, there will be no paper issued from this office tomorrow. The next issue will be on Wednesday.

A Merry Christmas.

The City Fish market will be open until noon today and will deliver fish, oysters and clams to you; also hand sleds 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2. Phone 896-J. M. G. Joles, manager. advt 1t

At the Dairy Lunch Today.

Roast turkey or duck with dressing and cranberry sauce, potatoes and bread and butter, 20 cents. advt 1t

Notice.

The City Messenger service will be closed today from 1:30 to 4:30. advt 1t

Change Your Old Money for New

New money exchanged for old at the Central Cigar Store today. advt 1t

Sniffin & Laidlaw's millinery store will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26. advt 1t

Roast turkey dinner 25 cents at the Pioneer lunch today. advt 1t

Benton's bakery will be open until noon today. advt 1t

Sleigh shoes for sale at A. H. Murdock's Market street. advt tf

ELKS MAKE MANY HAPPY

YOUNGSTERS GIVEN CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS.

Abundance of Good Things Provided for Our Less Fortunate Little Ones — Musical Program Precedes Distribution of Gifts by Santa Claus.

Though many members of the antlered herd have labored many hours to bring into the lives of some of our less fortunate children an expression of the love of the Christ Child whose birth we celebrate today, they one and all felt repaid beyond measure when yesterday they beheld the radiant countenances of those seven score youngsters as they sat down before tables laden with all the good things that children love to eat. And the way those mountains of chicken and trimmings disappeared, brought tears into the eyes of many a strong man who thought of his own little chicks at home, well clothed, well fed and happy.

The feast was spread in the ample rooms of the Oneonta club house and promptly at 2.30 o'clock those 144 little children were served by a smiling crowd of active Elks and their better halves. But bless their hearts and appetites—before the last one had cried "enough" they had consumed the larger part of 85 pounds of chicken, 3 bushels of potatoes, 3 bushels of turnips, 15 pounds of butter, 30 pounds of sugar, 80 quarts of milk, 20 quarts of cranberries, 350 biscuits with gravy, 300 rolls, 15 loaves of cake and 18 quarts of ice cream, and the baskets of crumbs left wouldn't have kept an anaemic canary alive more than 20 minutes.

After the dinner was ended all of the children marched to the lodge room on the second floor of the club, where a veritable wonderland was spread out for their inspection. At the front of the room, in the center, stood a graceful balsam tree, glittering with tinsel and shiny ornaments and bedecked with myriads of tiny, flashing colored electric lights. On the left of the tree was a huge cornucopia filled to overflowing with bundles of all sizes and shapes, and on the right was a sure enough fireplace with two realistic candle sticks, at the top of which glowed bright electric bulbs.

After the children were seated Exalted Ruler Frank G. Sherman made a brief announcement that Santa had been delayed at the Binghamton Elks club, but that he would soon arrive and that in the meantime a short program would be rendered. The opening chorus, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," was led by the quartet, the Misses Ethel Rowe and Edith Smith and Messrs. Verner Graves and George Clute. Billie Winney and Adin L. Cook next gave a banjo duet, following which Mrs. Blackall gave a short talk on "Christmas in Foreign Lands," explaining in simple terms the beliefs of children about Christmas in the countries far across the sea, yet beliefs that held to the one central idea of peace and good will toward all men.

At that point Mr. Sherman read a telegram he had just received from Santa Claus, that he was making all haste from Binghamton and would arrive in about 10 minutes. After another carol, "Silent Night," by the quartet, hoof beats and the jingle of bells were heard on the roof of the club house, and in another minute three tiny elves slid down the chimney to reconnoiter for Santa Claus in order that he might make no mistakes. After assurance from the elves that he was really at the Elks' club, Santa slid down the chimney, red cheeked and speckled with soot, but bearing the precious bundle of gifts on his back. At his appearance those youngsters let forth such squeals of delight that it was worth any sacrifice to be present and they almost jumped over the seats to get close to their beloved saint.

After a careful inspection of his huge ledger to see that all the boys and girls had good records Santa proceeded to pull forth bundles from the cornucopia and these were distributed to their proper owners by the red robed Elves, Master Rowland Bauerle, Master Jack Miller and Master Wendell Rochford. Now everybody knows that the elves are very busy people, but the way those little chaps worked made even the grown-ups open their eyes and the tiniest little elf of all, Wendell Rochford, skipped and frisked and bounced with smiles for all till his face was as bright and shiny as a new silver dollar.

And when those packages were opened there were no disappointed children—each had received just what he or she needed most, as revealed to Santa Claus by the Elks' committee, who had canvassed the city from end to end. There were shoes and stockings, warm underwear, sweaters and coats and caps for the boys, and shoes and stockings and warm underwear and coats and dresses for the girls, and each of them was given a bag of candy, an orange and a pop corn ball. Santa forgot one of his gifts,—a doll for little Pearl Geissner, who has been left a cripple by infantile paralysis—but he telephoned to his first assistant, the good St. Peter, and in a very brief time the doll arrived and was handed to its proud little mother.

If there was anyone overlooked it was not the fault of the committee who have worked so faithfully for weeks, but no child was seen to go home whose eyes were not shining with the light of a new found joy. Besides the children from the city who received joy from the Elks' open hearts there were a dozen youngsters from Cooperstown who shared alike, and substantial gifts were sent to needy children in Cooperstown and Hobart, whose wants were discovered by Elks belonging to Oneonta lodge who reside in those villages. Heaping trays of good things to eat were also sent out to some unfortunates who could not be classed as children, but who appreciate equally well the benefactions of the Elks.

The contributions which made possible this day of joy for the kiddies were free will offerings from Oneonta Elks, but the committee which had worked so many long days and weeks to bring to fruition these plans of blessed giving were Messrs. Fred N. VanWie, Frank G. Sherman, E. M. Ronan, H. W. Fluhrer (Santa Claus), J. J. Gessner, A. G. Thompson, J. L. Matteson, Frank Hone, C. R. McCarthy, F. P. Gallagher, Dr. A. W. Cutler, A. L. Cook and Frank McFee.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me.'

CROTTY ASKS MANDAMUS

Former Fire Chief of Oneonta Serves Show-Cause Order on Oneonta Fire Commissioners.

On Saturday last a show-cause order, issued by County Judge A. L. Kellogg on petition of John E. Johnson esq. as attorney for John J. Crotty, directing the board of fire commissioners to show cause on Tuesday, January 2, at a special term before Justice Sewell in Binghamton, why a peremptory writ of mandamus should not be issued directing the board to convene and reinstate Mr. Crotty as chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Oneonta, was served on the president of the board. The petitioner will be represented at the hearing by Mr. Johnson.

In the petition Mr. Crotty recites his work as chief of the department and the fact of his service as a member of the state Guard last summer. He further states that after his return he was asked by the chairman of the board to resign, and that as he understood that it was the intention to remove him in any event, that he did resign on August 8 without understanding what he now believes to be his rights in the case, both under the civil service regulations and under the code as a member of the state Guard. It had for some days been rumored that Mr. Crotty contemplated such an application, but no formal steps were taken until last Saturday. No charges are made against any members of the board, and the application is made strictly on legal points.

At the hearing in Binghamton, at which the fire commissioners will be represented by Owen C. Becker esq. as city attorney, the case of the fire board will definitely be presented.

RED CROSS SEALS.

Sale Still on and All Are Urged to Cooperate.

The sale of Red Cross seals in this city has been largely augmented during the past week and it is now assured that a substantial sum will be raised. Besides residents of the city considerable money has been received from persons in other communities and from residents of the city not now in Oneonta. As an evidence of what small contributions will do it is stated that the envelopes returned last week, besides the larger sums in bills, contained over $30 in silver.

The sale of the stamps will continue this week at all the stores and business places where they had before been offered. It is not too late to send in your offering toward stamping out the white plague.

Christmas at the Strand.

In presenting the Price of Fame with Mae MacDermott and Naomi Childers in the lead, with Mother Maurice, one of the sweetest and most lovable players on the screen, we think we have an after-dinner and evening entertainment that will please. Miss Bessie Marshall will play a violin solo. There will also be a reel of comedy. Matinee today at 3 o'clock sharp.

Tuesday, December 26

The World and the Woman, with Jeanie Eagels as the star, is a deeply interesting story, well acted, well produced and well directed. It will hold the attention of everyone no matter of what belief. Also a scenic reel, Making Matches.

Christmas Day at Oneonta Theatre.

Just the kind of a bill appropriate for Christmas day with good music furnished by Gardner's full orchestra, is offered the patrons of the Oneonta theatre today. "Life's Shadows," a rural comedy-drama of the present day, with the two well known stars, William Nigh and Irene Howley, is the Metro feature which will be shown in connection with the latest Pathe News and scenic reels. Matinee performance at 3 p. m. Evening performance 7:15 and 9 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

Salvation Army Christmas Tree.

The Salvation army will hold its Christmas tree and exercises Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Physicians Advance Fees.

We, the undersigned physicians and surgeons of the city of Oneonta, do hereby agree to charge the following minimum fees for city visits and obstetric services beginning January 1, 1917:

Calls made between the hours of 7 a. m. and 8 p. m.; also those made after 8 p. m. if received before that hour, $1.50.

Calls received and made between the hours of 8 p. m. and 7 a. m., $2.50.

Minimum charge for attending obstetric cases, $15.00.

(Signed) G. W. Augustin, A. H. Brownell, G. H. Brinkman, A. W. Cutler, J. P. Elliott, N. W. Getman, Stanton Hendrick, Marshall Latcher, Daniel Luce, Lester S. Lang, F. H. Marx, Charles Mitsh, D. H. Mills, M. J. McMenamin, J. M. McClellan, Ezra McDougal, E. J. Parish, Archibald A. Reid, J. C. Smith, G. W. Simmons, Oren C. Turhox. Advt.

Poultry wanted—Dec. 26, 27, 28. Hens 14c, chicken 15c, ducks 14c. J. H. Potter, 71 Maple street. advt 2t

Piano Tuning.

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Florida, Bermuda, West Indies, low rates. Ask C. H. Bowdish. advt tf

Gifts of Remembrance

In the hurry and confusion of the Christmas shopping, here and there a friend is forgotten. It may be some little remembrance of the season you had wished to present or something larger. Again in many instances presents of money are made that the recipient may procure some article to his or her liking.

While the heavy buying during the past weeks has depleted some stocks there are however numbers of very desirable gifts yet to be secured. Handsome table linens, napkins, table sets and linen work.

Gloves in fine quality of kid and wool; hosiery of silk, wool and cotton.

Exquisite designs and dainty colorings in silk, chiffon and georgette crepes.

Splendid offerings in the "ready-to-wear" section; furs, coats, suits, waists, bathrobes, kimonas and silk underwear.

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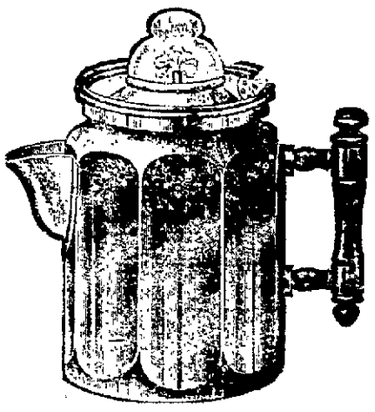

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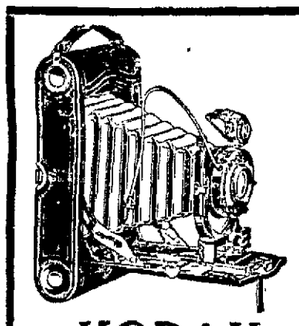

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PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lewis are in Richmondville for a day or two.

Mrs. Frank Cameron is the guest this week of friends in Schenectady.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Dupois of this city are in Albany for several days.

Mrs. W. J. Sowles of Hudson is visiting relatives and friends in Oneonta.

Mrs. P. A. Bundy is visiting her son, M. S. Bundy, in Schenectady, for a few days.

Miss Curtis of Ithaca is the guest for a time of her brother, Prof. A. M. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jeckson of Binghamton are at C. Spencer's on Cherry street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kingsley are guests over the holidays of the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ernest are spending Christmas with the latter's parents in Utica.

Miss Ruth Aylsworth of Binghamton is spending Christmas at her home in this city.

C. E. Hills of this city is in Albany for Christmas with his brother, William W. Hills.

Edward R. Polley spends the holidays with his uncle, Dr. A. P. S. Shellman, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. L. L. Ingalls of this city is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ford McLaury, in Portlandville.

Mrs. A. H. Olmstead of West Oneonta is spending Christmas with her son, Elmer, in Maryland.

William Doyle is in Norwich, spending the holiday with his sons, Edward and Richard, of that city.

Miss Ruth Sewell is spending the Christmas vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. P. C. Gilchrist.

Mrs. J. H. Clark of this city is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Herick, in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Rice of New York are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hemstreet.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bates of Westville were guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Saxton.

Raymond Hayes returned last evening from a two weeks' visit with New Jersey and New York relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sloat of Ilion are guests of Mr. Sloat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sloat, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wright of Ilion are Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. VanDyke, 61 Chestnut street.

Miss Bertha R. Baker, a teacher at Ridgefield Park, N. J., is spending Christmas at her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson are guests for several days of their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Jones, in Albany.

Miss Edna Northup of 5 Center street is spending several days with relatives and friends in Schenectady.

The Misses Bertha and Clara Dinsmore left Saturday for a few days' sojourn at their home in Susquehanna, Pa.

H. S. Fletcher of Elmira arrived home Saturday afternoon to spend Christmas with his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hill of Spruce street left Saturday noon to spend Christmas with their parents in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. St. John and children of 10 Center street are guests for a few days of relatives in Amsterdam.

Miss Elizabeth Marshall of 1 Gault avenue is spending a few days with her nephew, Dr. Rutherford, at Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Saxton left Oneonta yesterday for New York, where they will visit their son, Pierre W. Saxton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell were called to Richmondville yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. C. F. Underhill.

Rev. L. W. Wild of Mt. Upton is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Hallock in Oneonta.

S. Hyland departed Saturday afternoon for Burlington, Vt., where he will spend Christmas with his brothers and sisters.

Miss Erwina Blanchard of 59 Main street is spending Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. E. Shaffer, in Schenectady.

Miss Pearl Mackey, a student of the Oneonta High school, is with her parents at Medusa, Albany county, for the holidays.

Mrs. Alice Stevens of Johnson City is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Catherine Dinunick, 17 Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fretts and son, Wallace Fretts, of Utica, are the guests over Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Ferguson.

Miss Louise Miller, who has been teaching in Liberty this year, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright and Miss Helen Wright are spending a few days at the home of W. G. Wright at Milford Center.

Arthur L. Polley of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Polley.

Miss Mary G. Quiral of Elmira arrived in the city Saturday afternoon for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morgan.

Miss Sara Sears of Horseheads arrived in the city Saturday afternoon and will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Russell.

Miss Attie Cowles of the faculty of the River street school is a guest for the holidays of his sister, Mrs. Alida Cowles, at Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Belle Hurlbutt and children of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are spending the year's end at the home of George M. Hurlbutt on Chestnut street.

Autho Baker, who is taking a course in the Economist Training school in New York city, returned home Saturday morning for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sherman, who had been at Sherman lake for a few days for the purpose of participating in the Christmas tree and exercises for the children of the public school at that place, were in Oneonta yesterday on their way to Wilkes-Barre, where today they open an engagement in a leading theatre, going later to Scranton.

Miss Ruth Wells of the public schools at Johnstown is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wells, 7 Division street.

T. P. Reeder, who had been spending several days at the home of Franklin J. Ives in this city, returned Saturday to his home in Big Flats.

Mrs. H. L. Munson of 24½ Fair street left yesterday for Pittsfield, Mass., where she will spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Soos.

Cadet Augustus Gurney arrived in Oneonta yesterday from West Point and will be at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Gurney, for a week.

Miss Edna Blizard, an instructor in the Delhi public schools, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blizard, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Westcott and children left Saturday for Farmingdale, L. I., where they will be guests of Mr. Westcott's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Phillips.

Miss Bernice Saxton of Hempstead and the Misses Grace Taber and Jennie L. Rutter of the public schools of New York are at their homes in Oneonta for the holidays.

Washington A. Roblee of this city departed Saturday for Brooklyn, where for the next two weeks he will be a guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weir and children left Saturday for Bronxville, New York city, where they will visit the former's sister, Mrs. Dr. F. H. Dubben, over the week.

Miss Minnie B. Russell of the faculty of the Haldane High school at Cold Spring-on-Hudson arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Russell.

William Stratton is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stratton. Violet Benier of Knoxboro and Carl Ripley of Rome are also visiting the Strattons.

Miss Ella Vrooman of Binghamton and Miss Elizabeth N. Vrooman of Albany are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Vrooman and with other relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Foster are Christmas guests of friends in Binghamton. Mrs. Foster goes later to Roslyn, L. I., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Multer, until the new year.

Miss Ellen E. Hitchcock of the Normal faculty and Miss Jessica Hitchcock of the public schools at Yonkers are spending the holidays with their uncle and aunt, Prof. and Mrs. George F. Bristol, at Ithaca.

R. Bruce Colburn left yesterday for Nyack, where he will spend Christmas with Mrs. Colburn, who has been visiting for some time at the home of her parents in Nyack. Both will return to Oneonta early this week.

Miss Cora Pettit left Saturday for New York, where she will spend the holiday week. She was accompanied to Poughkeepsie by Miss Anna Belle Knapp, who will spend her vacation with her parents in that city.

Mrs. E. F. McLaury departed Saturday for Elmira, where she will be busy for the next two weeks packing her household goods in preparation for her removal to this city, where she expects permanently to reside.

Mrs. A. D. Getman and son, Damon, of this city and Mrs. Norman Getman of Richfield Springs departed yesterday for Syracuse, where they will be Christmas guests of the former's son, Dr. A. A. Getman, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butts of Pompey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Taber and daughter, Miss Martha Taber, of Pawling, and C. D. Woodford of Castleton are spending Christmas with Mrs. Sarah T. Sherman, 3 Draper street.

Mrs. Margaret Thornburn of 33 Maple street left Sunday for Binghamton, where she will spend Christmas, going Tuesday to New York, whence she sails that afternoon on the steamship Lenape for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Persons of New York arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Nettie Woolheater, 250 Main street. Mr. Persons returns tomorrow, but Mrs. Persons will remain for a few weeks.

Miss Cornelia A. Westervelt, who is attending the Cortland Normal school, and Miss Louise R. Westervelt, who is at Cornell university, are spending their holiday vacations with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Westervelt, 8 Taft avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gardner departed yesterday for Pottsville, Pa., where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Gardner's brother and wife. Mr. and Mrs. J. Demett Gardner. They will leave Tuesday for New York for a week's pleasure trip.

C. G. Munger, formerly teller in the Citizens' National bank, who has accepted a position with Ernst & Ernst in New York city, departed Saturday evening for his home in Unadilla, where after spending Christmas with his parents he will depart to commence his new duties.

Douglas McCrum, a senior in the university at Boulder, Colorado arrived in Oneonta last evening and will remain for the holiday vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McCrum. Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Mills of Albany also arrived yesterday for a holiday sojourn at the McCrum residence.

Parties wishing to join the Christmas and Vacation club in the Wilber National bank can begin depositing now or any time during the first two months of the new year. advt 6t

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A CHRISTMAS BENEFACTION

George B. Baird Sends Check for $250 to Oneonta Public Library Duplicating Generous Gift of Year Ago—Makes Pertinent Suggestion.

The numerous patrons of the Oneonta Public library will join with the trustees of that institution in appreciating a recent gift by George B. Baird of $250 to that institution. The library in its new quarters is striving to give a fine quality of service to the public, and naturally it has been hampered, particularly in a year when many extraordinary expenses were necessary, by lack of funds. In December last Mr. Baird, appreciating the situation which was soon to confront the board, generously made a like gift for the purpose of supplying new books for the children's room. This year, while noting his personal interest in the children's work, he makes no restrictions, but there is no doubt that the suggestion of the donor will be followed, and that in the main the children's room will be the beneficiary. Mr. Baird's letter, of which fitting acknowledgment will be made in a meeting of the board immediately to be called and which contains a suggestion pertinent to Christmas day, is as follows:

Oneonta, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1916.

Andrew B. Saxton,
President Oneonta Public Library.

My Dear Mr. Saxton:—It gives me great pleasure at this time to hand you my check for $250, duplicating that of last year, with a request that it be placed to the credit of the Oneonta Public library.

While I am more largely interested in the work for children than in any other phase of library activity, and would be pleased to have you use as much as is needed for books in that department, I make no restriction, being certain in any event that it will be used for the good of the library and the community. In this connection I may perhaps venture to say that the work which has been done in the library during the past year, while of increasing interest to the community as a whole, has served to emphasize the need of more funds than the city under present conditions can be expected to appropriate. My contribution is therefore made alike to supplement the regular appropriation and with a hope that other residents of the city will personally add to the Christmas fund at the library.

Wishing the Library board all the compliments of the season, I am,

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE B. BAIRD.

Young Ladies Wanted—For operating at the telephone office. Apply at the central office. advt 2t

Wanted—Loan of $3,000 on improved city real estate. Inquire Owen C. Becker. advt tf

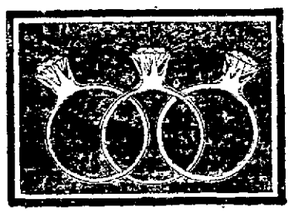
Phone 340. coal and wood High grade coal, hard and soft wood. Platt & Howland. advt tf

Very best for early morning or after dinner, Klipnockie coffee. Advt. tf

Funeral of Arthur P. Horton.

The funeral of the late Arthur P. Horton, an account of whose tragic death appeared in The Star of Saturday, was held yesterday morning at the West End mission, in which since its organization he had been an active worker. There was a large attendance, the chapel being filled with friends of the deceased met to pay a last tribute of respect of one greatly beloved. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. J. Farley, and the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. D. H. Woodward, pastor of the mission, who took for his text the words of Paul in Acts 13-36: "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." His address closed with an affecting and well-deserved tribute to the work and worth of the deceased. Many beautiful floral tributes, among others those from the Trainmen, and the Sunday school, Baraca class, Endeavor society and Mission circle, each of which sent handsome pieces, testified to the general sense of loss. During the service "Face to Face" and "Sometime We'll Understand" were sung by a choir composed of Miss Nina Soloway, Mrs. James Barnes, W. S. Deusler and Dr. O. C. Tarbox.

Following the service the funeral party left with the remains for Cooperstown by special car furnished by the D. & H. Interment was in Lakewood cemetery. Mr. Woodward conducting the burial service. The bearers were Harry Follett, J. W. Soloway, L. C. Heberling, Wallace Cook, Edward Pidgeon and F. N. Horton.



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Merry Christmas

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RENT—Barn at 13 Cozy avenue. In- e at 7 Gault avenue.

RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping, heat and gas. 65 Center street. Phone R.

RENT—House at 7 Seventh street. ly papered. Inquire 10 Seventh street.

RENT—Flats, 100 River and 44 Valley street, $12.00 per month. Phone 226-J.

RENT—Flat over Ingerham's barber , $18.50; at 8 State street, $14.00; store d street, $30.00; office over Rochester bing company, $14.00. D. F. Keyes,

Rent—Flat of seven rooms. All mod improvements. Inquire of Danley & ght, 45 Broad street.

RENT—House at 37 Prospect street. the 21 Division street.

FLAT—At once, seven room house, 80 avenue. $15, free rent to January 1. Bard & Son, 8 Broad street.

RENT—Dwelling East street, $12.00. r street, $10.00. Main street, $10.00, e street, $25.00. Grand street, $12.00. , bath and range, $12.00. Keenan & ls.

RENT—Half of double house. 53 Val- lew street. City water and toilet, new- papered and painted, $11 per month. ilie of S. Ferus.

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RENT—Eight room house, all mod- improvements, hot water, heat, gas and ricity. Inquire 29 Spruce street.

RENT—Upper and lower flats. Fresh- alnted and papered. Inquire 47 Ford ue.

RENT—Small house at 4 Cherry street. ire at 5 Tilton avenue or phone 235 J.

RENT—Six room apartment, modern ovements. Phone 863 W.

RENT—Seven room house at 5 Rey s avenue, all improvements. Charles urdock, 7 Ford avenue, Oneonta, N. Y.

RENT—House on Railroad avenue. ne 18-F-4.

RENT—Six rooms second floor. All ovements. Inquire 75 Maple street or ne 332-J.

RENT—Upper flat, 9 Spring street, rooms and clothes room, city water. per month.

RENT—House for small family, 28 lon avenue, convenient to shops. In M. A. Frasier, 38 Main street.

RENT—Seven room house, 14 Susque a street, newly papered and painted, garden, barn and hen house, also city . $10 a month. Inquire at 14 Sus- anna street.

RENT—Double eight room house, 3 ce avenue, $12.00. Inquire 27 Spruce t, or phone 26-N, Davenport Center.

FOR SALE.

SALE—Two family house, Valley street, $1,500. Two family house street, $1,100. Two family house street, $3,600. Seven room house all modern improvements Tilton ave- $3,500. Seven room house with all rn improvements Ford avenue, $3,000. ly new eight room house with extra ear Normal school, $1,700. House with barn, extra lot, Center street, $1,700. a large nice house on Maple street. les N. Murdock, 7 Ford avenue, One- N. Y. Phone 7-R.

SALE—One five passenger Ford tour- car, 1917 model, excellent condition, reasonable. R. G. Condon, Schenevus,

SALE—Just outside of city limit, half acre of land with house and barn, houses, good fruit. Address 77, Star Oneonta, N. Y.

SALE—Rabbit hound pup, six hs old, works fine, will demonstrate, to quick buyer. R. B. Safford, Mary- N. Y.

SALE—A feed business with a large Consider house in Oneonta in ex- ge Charles N. Murdock, 7 Ford ave- Oneonta, N. Y.

Ms—For sale or exchange. All sizes, a few acres up to 850 acres. Some of best dairy farms in Otsego, Delaware Chenango counties. All kinds of poul- and truck gardening places. Charles urdock, 7 Ford avenue, Oneonta, N. Y.

SALE—Remington typewriter. Call Dietz street.

L—Look. Good paying hotel in il- town, reasonable terms for quick sale. es and lots in village, Main street or Small places from one acre to 15. a few very desirable farms from 120 0 acres. Inquire E. D. Allen, Laurens.

SALE—A broken fox hound, four old. Have killed two foxes ahead of this winter. Inquire of William D. ms, Bainbridge, N. Y.

ONE CENT A WORD

AUCTION—Friday, December 29, 1916, at 1 o'clock sharp, at my place, two miles from Portlandville. Twenty cows, mostly Holsteins, part fresh and balance heavy springers; seven Holstein heifers, two and three years old, due in March and April; two Holstein bulls, large enough for serv- ice; one brood mare; one three year old colt; one brood sow, due to freshen Feb- ruary 1. Terms: Cash or approved, en- dorsed interest bearing notes, payable at Milford National bank. L. S. Manzer. C. R. Nichols, auctioneer.

FOR SALE—Eight straight young cows, due from January to March. Howard B. Potter, North Franklin, N. Y.

FOR SALE—One black and tan female rab- bit hound, also one male fox hound pup, black and tan, nine months' old. One fe- male ferret. R. D. Weeks, Milford, N. Y.

FOR SALE—A square piano. Inquire at 35 Fair street or phone 659-J.

FOR SALE—Wood, 3 Van Woert avenue.

FOR SALE—Two choice young cows, due to freshen January 1. Also some pure White Wyandotte cockerels. Phone or write me at Davenport Center, Henry C. Fox.

FOR SALE—Thirteen head of cattle, fresh and coming fresh this month. O. C. Bright, Kortright Center.

FOR SALE—Piano. Inquire at 3 Oak street or phone 115-J.

FARM FOR SALE—Situate about one half mile north of the village of Hartwick on "Old Cooperstown stage road," stop 43 trolley, containing 101 acres, two story house delightfully situated facing south, 10 rooms, good cellar; main barn 30 x 90, stone basement, two silos in barn, will carry 35 head of stock, large hennery, hog pen, granary, wood shed, milk house and garage, buildings all in first class condi- tion, running water in house and barnyard, farm water by two creeks and springs; 75 fruit trees. Milk delivered to platform on farm, six acres of woodland, owner en- gaged in other business. Dorr Gardner, Hartwick, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Profitable business, good lo- cation, owners leaving city. Address Bus- iness, care of Star.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Store and fix- tures, up-to-date, with electric lights and barn attached, also eight room flat over store. 530 Main street. D. Van Derburg.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—The Zorada restaurant, Dietz street. Inquire of Ar- thur Coy.

FOR SALE—1913 Hudson, in first class condition. J. A. Dewar.

FOR SALE—One Esteys organ and one 6 horse power gasoline engine. Will exchange for stock. George Hughston, R. D. 4, Ote- go, N. Y.

SEVERAL GOOD BARGAINS—In second hand motorcycles. Earl Fritts, 48 Market street

FOR SALE—One light saw mill, planer, matcher, eight H. P. Portable engine. A. H. Murdock.

I HAVE SEVERAL good bargains in real estate in all parts of the city. Easy terms if interested, call A. J. Rooknout, phone 211-J

HELP WANTED.

WOMEN WANTED—Full time $15, spare time 25c an hour, selling guaranteed Wear Proof hosiery to wearer. Experience un- necessary. International Stocking Mills, Norristown, Pa.

WANTED—Men who desire to earn over $125.00 per month write us today for po- sition as salesman; every opportunity for advancement. Central Petroleum company, Cleveland, Ohio.

WANTED—Good printer, steady job to the right man, married man preferred. Herald Publishing company, Fleischmanns, N. Y.

WANTED—A capable houseworker in a small family, good wages and permanent home in exchange for general usefulness. Address A. B. M., care Star.

WANTED—Pastry cook at once, at the Windsor hotel.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Inquire at 377 Main street.

GIRLS WANTED—To learn. Paid while learning. Paragon Silk Co.

WANTED—Ladies to do hand crocheting at home. Mrs. Clara Files, 5 Cozy avenue.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

TWO FURNISHED ROOMS—For light housekeeping, steam heat, light and bath, 151 Main street, third floor.

FURNISHED ROOM—For two, with or without board. No. 5, Hill place.

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with all im- provements, for gentlemen, 231 Chestnut street.

TO RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Bath and use of phone. 16 Columbia street.

FURNISHED FLAT—To rent for house- keeping. 14 Center street.

TO RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. $3.00 a week. 14 Cen- ter street.

TO RENT—Furnished rooms, modern im- provements, S. Cook, 250 Main street, Butts block.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—A muff between Spring street and Watkins avenue. Owner may have same by calling at this office, describing prop- erty and paying for this advertisement.

LOST—Saturday afternoon, package con- taining velvet sofa pillow top. Finder please return to Star office.

LOANS.

MONEY ADVANCED—On Pianos, Bank Books, Life Insurance, Wages, Undivided estates, Wills, Assignments, Diamonds, Watches and other security. Levey, 234 Main street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—A water pump; force pump preferred. Phone 161-W.

WANTED—$1,100 on first mortgage and bond at once. Address M., care Star office.

ROOMS WANTED

WANTED—Furnished room or room and board. Lower Chestnut street or Lower River street preferred. Address L. W., care Star.

STORAGE.

STORAGE—Dry, clean storage for house- hold goods at reasonable rates. H. W. Lee, Star office.

ROOMERS WANTED.

ROOMERS AND BOARDERS—Conven- iences. 99 Chestnut street.

DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

(Concluded from Page Three.)

Norwich hospital. — Mrs. Dell Withey and daughter, Harriett, have gone to Canisteo to spend the holidays with relatives. — Mrs. Anna Henry is a holiday visitor at her former home in Worcester. —Miss Marion Bailey left last evening to remain several days as the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. H. Hall, at Middleburg. — Miss Shirley New- ton, attending Wyoming seminary, Kingston, Pa., is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Newton, for the holidays. — Donald McCumber has gone to Delhi to visit his grand- parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kiel. — Mrs. William Wuerdeman of Fulton- ville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Y. Duryea. — Miss Gertrude Dibble is a week-end and Sunday vis- itor of Norwich friends. — Prof. C. E. Wheeler of Cohoes is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wheeler. — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Collar are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moak, in Oneonta. — Mrs. John Gilbert is a Christmas guest of Binghamton rel- atives. — Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reams and daughter went to Norwich today to visit relatives. — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker of Morris have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Parker. They left today for Albany to remain over the Christmas season. Mr. Parker is state highway engineer located at Morris.

DELHI DAY BY DAY.

Delhi, Dec. 24.—Equal Suffrage club meets Friday, December 29, with Mrs. W. H. Millard. — Miss Margaret Wil- son is home from the Cortland Nor- mal.—Lane McGregor, who is attend- ing a business college at Albany, is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. MacGregor, for a few days. — The Baptist church Christmas exercises will be held Monday night at the church. — The First Presbyterian church had a Christmas tree with ap- propriate exercises on Sunday and will have exercises for the young peo- ple on Tuesday evening.—The Second Presbyterian church had services ap- propriate to the occasion on Sunday and will have a supper at the new chapel Thursday evening.—Miss Laura Outwater leaves early in January to study with a view to being a trained nurse. — Miss Grace Johnson is home from New York. — Mrs. Alfred Ham- ilton of Cortland is visiting her moth- er, Mrs. John M. Gordon. — Edward C. Dean has been spending a few days in New York. — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills of Garrattsville are visiting their daughter, Mrs. M. Hamilton. — Mr. and Mrs. David C. Shaw are spending a few days in Franklin. — Miss Har- riet Wood of St. Louis, Mo., is visit- ing her sister, Mrs. A. M. Forrester.— The dance last evening was rather poorly attended, but a pleasant time was reported.—Mrs. William Gleason left yesterday for Albany and New York to pass a few weeks with rela- tives.—John Forrest of California, a former Delhi boy, is in town for a few weeks. — Mrs. Augusta Grant has gone to Oneonta to visit her sister, Mrs. W. S. McLean.—John T. Thomp- son and John Bramley of Syracuse, Ward Wheeler from Cornell, Wilma Bramley from Saratoga, Mary Brown, teaching at Athens, are home for Christmas. — Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gibson will give a large family dinner party on Christmas. — Earl A. Cavan is helping his father in the hardware store. — Walter G. Edgerton of Al- bany, who has a position in the high- way department is spending the holi- days with his family in this village.— Mrs. M. E. Arbuckle, who has been quite ill, is better.—Most of the stores will be closed Christmas. — The 10- reel feature film given at the movies Christmas evening, is said to be espe- cially fine. — The Hawkeye Glee club, composed of four young men, gave an excellent entertainment in the regular lecture course Thursday evening.

THE NEWS IN HOBART.

Storm Puts Electric Light Service Out of Business — Personal and News.

Hobart, Dec. 24. — They heavy fall of snow, accompanied by a high wind, Friday afternoon and evening, caused considerable trouble for the West Branch Light and Power company. The accumulation of soft snow on the wires caused the main feed wire be- tween Hobart and Stamford to tear loose from a number of poles and the current had to be shut off until re- airs were made. Hobart was without lighting service Friday evening, much to the annoyance of the merchants, who were obliged to return to kero- sene lamps and tallow candles to light the stores. The service was in opera- tion again yesterday.

Christmas Day Activities.

Christmas day promises to be quiet in Hobart. There will be two services in St. Peter's church in the morning. The business places will close part of the day and holiday hours will be ob- served at the post office. Many family dinner parties will be held and there will be plenty of good cheer for everybody. The Elks of Oneonta for- warded a large package of shoes and clothing here yesterday for distribu- tion among needy children, Fred E. Weeks playing Santa Claus for the oc- casion, which brought joy to about 15 little ones. There are not many poor in Hobart, but those who were in need were liberally cared for yesterday and today.

Personal and News Notes.

M. G. Prince left yesterday for Nichols to spend Christmas with his family, who have been visiting there for several weeks. — Miss Alice Many left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Grahamville. — Leland Cross has gone to his home in Whitney Point for the holiday vacation. — Miss Blanch Whipple of South Kortright was a visitor here yesterday. — Miss Mildred M. Martin left Friday even- ing for a visit of a week with friends in Hartwick. — Miss Grace Ruhn- struck, who is spending the winter at Montgomery homestead, left yester- day to spend the holidays at her home in New York. — Mrs. J. G. Grant left yesterday for New York for a visit with her daughter. — J. Gibson Grant is spending the holidays with friends in Albany. — E. L. Foote returned yesterday from a business trip to Ot- sego county towns. — A. T. Hamilton of North Harpersfield, superintendent of schools for this district, was in town yesterday.

GLEANINGS FROM GILBOA.

New York Drillers on Reservoir Site Home for Christmas.

Gilboa, Dec. 24. — The drillers who are employed by New York city in making the final soundings for the large reservoir that the city contem- plates constructing here, have all gone home to spend Christmas. They ex- pect to return so as to resume work by next Thursday. Several holes have already been drilled, but the quality of rock is not as good as it should be. However, it is expected that the rock to be found on the out survey will be better, which will insure the construc- tion of the reservoir. The plant here will be an auxiliary to the big Ashokan reservoir.

Orra Cain Sells Farm.

Orra Cain has sold his large farm at the top of Clay hill to his son, Cor- nelius, who will take possession in the spring. This is one of the best farms in town, in easy access to either Gil- boa or Grand Gorge, but Mr. Cain has reached the zenith of life and does not feel like being burdened with the duties that confront a person who suc- cessfully conducts a large farm.

Rents Hagadorn House.

George Apland, foreman of the drilling corps, has rented part of the Hagadorn house, and will bring his family here from Plattsburg, their present home. Other members are desirous of securing rooms that they, too, might have their families with them.

Big Holiday Trade.

Gilboa merchants all report an un- usually heavy holiday trade. They carried large stocks which were at- tractively displayed and of the kind that make appropriate gifts. The mail order houses did not get all the Christmas business this year, although there were an unusually large number of packages that went out on both ru- ral routes.

F. H. Dunham Recovering.

F. H. Dunham, proprietor of the Gilboa house, was in the Capital city Thursday and underwent a slight op- eration at the City hospital there. Mr. Dunham has been poorly for quite some time and it is thought that now he will get better and soon feel like himself again.

Buys Hitchcock Farm.

Edwin Hitchcock of Conesville bought the John Hitchcock farm, which was sold at public auction Thursday to settle the estate. The price paid was $2,600. This farm con- tains 265 acres, is nicely situated and Mr. Hitchcock certainly got it at a very low figure.

Baker Reappointed Postmaster.

Willis Baker, who has been post- master at Gilboa for more than a year, has been appointed postmaster by President Wilson and will serve four years from the first of last October. Up to that time the office was a fourth-class, but was raised to third- class, and Mr. Baker, who was ap- pointed under the civil service, was named for the new position. The office now carries with it a salary of $1,200 with an appropriation for rent, light, fuel and clerk hire. Mr. Baker is re- ceiving congratulations and the ap- pointment coming as it does on the eve of Christmas makes a present worth receiving.

Monitor Takes Week's Vacation.

The Monitor, of which G. L. Fuller is the editor and publisher, will not be issued next week. Mr. Fuller, who, by the way, is office boy, reporter, compositor and general utility man, thinks he is entitled to a vacation and has taken the week for it when his readers are in their most generous mood. He has been at the case for 19 years and in all that time has not had two solid weeks to himself.

ONE CENT A WORD

WORK WANTED.

WANTED—By two young experienced farmers, position on farm. Thoroughly fa- miliar with dairy work and general farm- ing. Good habits and the best credentials. Address Farmer, care Chamber of Com- merce.

YOUNG LADY—Wishes position, house- work in small family. Address B., care Star.

WANTED—Plain sewing and dress repair- ing, at 34 Morgan avenue. Lidell.

LACE CURTAINS LAUNDERED—92 Cen- ter street. Mrs. H. Kenyon. Phone 1024-W2.

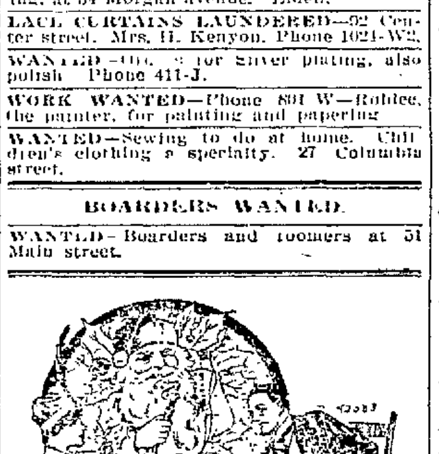
WANTED—Orders for silver plating, also polish. Phone 411-J.

WORK WANTED—Phone 881 W—Robles, the painter, for painting and papering.

WANTED—Sewing to do at home. Chil- dren's clothing a specialty. 27 Columbia street.

BOARDERS WANTED.

WANTED—Boarders and roomers at 51 Main street.



WE EXTEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

With the offer to make the new year a happy one by giving some of our readers an opportunity to observe Christmas next year in a cozy, complete home of their own and a chance, if they wish, to pay for it as easy as they now pay rent.

OUR SPECIALTY.

Property in the fast growing West End section. Building lots sold at $100 to $500, 10% down, $5.00 per month. Houses built to suit and on the easiest kind of easy terms. Don't complain about not being able to own a home, see about our plan first.

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

1.—175-acre farm near this city on state road, grand buildings, all improvements, including electric lights, running water; one of the finest farms in the Susquehanna valley; for sale for cash or exchange for desirable city property.

2.—Country store and stock of groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes; good town on line of D. & H. R. R.; 1 ver city; a splendid opportunity, small amount of money required; stock about $4,500, in- cluding fixtures.

3.—Seventy-two acre farm on state road, near this city; splendid house and barn, hen house, 18 x 100, nearly new; will sell on contract, 550 cash pay- ment. Price $4,500.

4.—Seventy-acre farm on state road, ¼ mile from large town. High school, creamery, stores and churches; large basement barn, nearly new house; ½ mile to R. R. station. Read this again, it sounds good, it looks better than it reads. This is a dandy. Price $3,800, cash payment $1,500.

5.—Farms of all kinds, timber lots, city property and business opportunities.

6.—Residence, large lot on Spruce street, all im- provements; lot large enough to make an extra build- ing lot.

7.—A dandy lot on the Moffatt plot; $300, small cash payment.

8.—Nearly new house on Huntington avenue; small cash payment. Price $2,800.

9.—Residence on Reynolds avenue, a dandy. Price $3,600.

Campbell Brothers, Phone 525-M, 226-J, 10 Grand St.

Christmas Dinner In Abyssinia

Plenty of Good Food Greeted Traveler In African Country

A TRAVELER in Abyssinia thus describes the Christmas din- ner of 1900 given by King Menelik at Adis Abeba: On Sunday, Jan. 7, being their Christ- mas day, the emperor most kindly ask- ed us all to dine in the huge hall called Abderash, a building about 190 feet long, 90 feet wide and 35 feet high. All the ministers, ras and principal generals were present on the raised dais round the throne, while in the body of the hall about 30,000 sol- diers were fed in two detachments. Our menu was as follows:

Milk and Rice Soup.
Kabobs of Meat and Potatoes.
Omelet and Herbs. Mince and Artichokes.
Fillets of Beef and Radishes.
Kabobs of Mutton and Cabbages.
Fried Brains.
Fried Mince and Macaroni.
Smoked Beef and Lettuce.
Brown Rolls and Flat Bread.
Coffee. Honey Beer.
French Claret. Arrack.
Twelve-year-old Teg and Champagne.

After dinner we shook hands and, through an interpreter, thanked his majesty for so much kindness. He re- plied: "May the Lord keep you well and may you return safely to your own country. May you have good shooting and a pleasant journey through my country."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Pursuant to an order of Leland M. Cowles, surrogate of the county of Otsego, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Frank Coss, deceased, late of the City of Oneonta, in said county, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the undersigned exec- utor or the estate of the said deceased, at his office in the city of Oneonta, in said county, on or before the 21st day of April, next.

Dated, October 13, 1916.
W. L. BROWN, Executor.

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In the Matter of the Terms of Otsego County Court for the Year 1917.

Pursuant to law I hereby designate the terms of Otsego county court for the year 1917, to be held at the court house in Coop- erstown, as follows:
Tuesday, March 13, with trial jury.
Tuesday, September 4, with trial jury.
Monday, December 3, with trial jury.
Regular terms of county court will also be held at court chambers in Oneonta, as follows:
January 6 and 20, February 3 and 24, March 17, April 7, May 5 and 19, June 9, July 7 and 28, September 8 and 29, October 23, 24 and 25, November 10, December 1 and 23.

ABRAHAM L. KELLOGG,
Otsego County Judge.

Dated November 21, 1916.
(Endorsed) filed and entered December 12, 1916, Otsego county clerk's office.
State of New York,
Otsego county clerk's office.
I, Robert O. Marshall, clerk of said county, do hereby certify that I have com- pared the foregoing copy, designations of Otsego county court for the year 1917, with the original of the same remaining in this office, and that the same is a correct trans- cript therefrom, and of the whole of said original designations.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said county and courts, at Coop- erstown, this 16th day of Decem- ber, 1916.
[L.S.]
ROBERT O. MARSHALL, Clerk.
No. 141.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' National bank of Oneonta, N. Y., will be held at its banking rooms in the city of Oneonta, N. Y., on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before this meeting.

Dated, Oneonta, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1916.
M. C. HEMSTREET,
Cashier.

Delaware & Hudson R. R.

"The D&H."

TIME TABDE

Commencing Sunday Sept. 24, 1916.

Trains will arrive and leave Oneonta as follow

NORTH BOUND.

		Arrive	Depart
303	Morning Express	6:13 a m	6:20 a m
305	Saratoga Express	9:40 a m	9:45 a m
307	Boston Express	11:50 a m	11:55 a m
309	Boat Express	4:10 p m	4:15 p m
311	"Flyer"	8:25 p m	8:35 p m
313	Sunday only	11:46 a m	11:50 a m

SOUTH BOUND.

		Arrive	Depart
300	Binghamton Local		8:20 a m
302	Local Passenger	10:35 a m	10:40 a m
304	Chicago Express	12:40 p m	12:45 p m
306	Oneonta Local	6:45 p m	7:00 p m
308	Chicago Express	6:50 p m	6:55 p m
312	Sleeper	2:30 a m	2:35 a m
314	Sunday only	11:10 a m	11:15 a m
316	Sunday only	7:00 p m	7:05 p m

Trains 311, 313, 314, 316 run Sundays.
Trains leave Oneonta for Cooperstown and intermediate points at 7:10 a. m. 10:25 a. m., and 4:20 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. on week days. Sunday at 11:55 a. m., and 7:10 p. m. Returning arrive at Oneonta at 9:55 a. m. and at 12 m., 4:30 and 6:40 p. m. Sundays at 11:05 a. m. and 6:40 p. m.

Southern New York Railway

Schedule effective September 6.

Trains will leave Oneonta for Herkimer and intermediate points at 8:05, 10:15 12:15, 2:15, *4:15 and 6:15 p. m. for Hartwick at 7:15 and 9:15 p. m.

Arriving at Hartwick one hour later, at Cooperstown one hour thirty minutes later at Richfield Springs two hours later and Herkimer three hours later.

Trains will arrive at Oneonta as follows: 6:50, 7:47, 9:47, *10:57 and 11:47 a. m. 1:47, 3:47, 5:47, 6:47 and 8:51 p. m.

City Service.

Leave East End (week days) at 6:30, 7:15, 7:45 and every thirty minutes.

Leave Junction (week days) at 6:40, 7:25, 7:55 and every thirty minutes thereafter.

Leave the D. & H. for Normal (week days) at 7:05, 7:35, 8:05 and every thirty minutes.

Leave Normal for D. & H. (week days) at 6:33, 7:10, 8:19, 8:49 and every thirty min- utes.

Sundays.

First car leaves Normal at 8:19 a. m., last car at 9:19 p. m.

First car leaves East End at 7:45 a. m. last car at 10:45 p. m.

First car leaves Junction at 7:55 a. m.

Last car leaves West Oneonta for Broad street at 10:50 p. m.

Last car leaves West Oneonta for East End at 10:20 p. m.

*Denotes daily except Sunday.
J. W. NUGENT, G. P. A.

TIME TABLE OF

ULSTER & DELAWARE RR

IN EFFECT SEPTEMBER 10, 1916.

Trains are due to leave this city as follows: *7:20 a. m., s1:15, *3:12 p. m.

Trains are due to arrive as follows: *11:20, s11:55 a. m., *6.45 p. m.

* Daily except Sunday. s Sunday only.

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The average dining car is about sixty-five or seventy feet long. The kitchen and pantry occupy about one-eighth of this space. The rest is taken up with the steward's sideboard and the dining room. In the latter there are on an average five or six tables seating four people on one side of the car and about six tables seating two people along the opposite side, with an aisle between.

In the narrow space reserved for the kitchen and pantry—about two-thirds the width of the car—must be found room for the range, the refrigerator and the pantry and storage for linen, glassware and such vegetables as do not require ice. Three and four men do the cooking and dishwashing—so narrow is the space leading to the kitchen that only one waiter with a loaded tray can pass at a time. Yet there are three and four waiters to a car, and they must serve as high as 100 and, in a pinch, over 200 people at a meal. To do this takes system and speed.

Add to this the swaying of the car on rough roads and the wonder grows, not that an occasional dish is spilled, but that nine-tenths of them are not scattered over the passengers. Few, indeed, are the cases of upset stands.—Indianapolis News.

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STRENGTHENS PUNY CHILDREN

Breaking It Gently.

"I understand that your daughter is going to take music lessons."

"Not exactly," replied Farmer Corntossel. "We haven't the heart to tell her that her voice sounds terrible, so we're goin' to hire a regular teacher to do it."—Washington Star.

An Amiable Dentist.

Victim—Say, durn ye, you've pulled the wrong tooth! Dentist—From the way you hollered I thought I had hold of the right one, but we'll call it my mistake.—Chicago Tribune.

Neath the Mistletoe and Holly Let us all be Gay and Jolly

"Snapdragon" an English Game

LITTLE known in this country, "snapdragon" is a diversion in which in England old and young participate throughout the Christmas season. Apparently it is a dangerous pastime; really it is harmless, and no one ever suffers an accident through playing it. Babies of three or four years engage in it with great glee, in which there is an admixture of fear, but nerve generally conquers, and once in the game they cannot be kept out of it.

The requisites of snapdragon are one or two large platters such as roasts are served on, some large, fat raisins, a little brandy or gin, a match and a darkened room. The platters are arranged thus: If there is but one and the party is of moderate number it is laid in the center of a dining table; if the number of participants is large then two platters are laid, one at each end of the table, or there may be two small tables, with a platter on each. Next the raisins are laid over each platter, singly and at short distances apart. A small quantity of brandy or gin is then poured over each platter and ignited. Out go all the lights in the room, leaving none but that dancing from the blue flames in the platters.

Everybody looks weird and feels uncanny, and the fun begins. Each participant snaps at a raisin on the dish, and, hit or miss, the blue flame clings to the fingers in writhing, forked tongues, thus providing the "dragon." The raisins are all finally secured, the flames go out, the lights are turned on, and the company is ready for another diversion, unless, as is often the case, there is a call for a repetition of the fun just ended.

"A Floury Fate"

The following good diversion deals with mystery and is therefore popular at Christmas. It is provocative of great merriment and interest, though very simple in plan.

Flour, in which there are a ring, a coin and a button, is pressed firmly into a mold, and then the form or "loaf" thus obtained is carefully deposited upon the table. Each one seeking to know his fate or fortune takes the large dinner knife provided for the game and carefully cuts into the mound. If he strikes one of the articles in the flour it must be extracted and examined, because, whichever it may be, it is significant and determines whether he is to be a bachelor or benedict, rich or poor. The maiden in this way also learns whether she is to be "all forlorn" all her life or whether she will marry money or learn to sew her husband's buttons on herself to save tailors' bills and keep the wolf from the door. A master of ceremonies can very entertainingly, if properly selected, assist the finder of his fate in fully reading it to the audience.

Sometimes imagination is heartily taxed to sustain a story for the time set, and to a listener not understanding what it is all about there might be a suspicion that he was in a company of incipient lunatics.

Organ Builder

An interesting Christas game that is played by the little German children is called the "organ builder." One of the number is chosen to be the organ builder and all the others stand in a straight row with their hands folded. As the organ builder goes along the row he says: "These are good pipes," and taps the hands of the players as he passes, and each player as his hands are touched must give forth a long sustained sound to represent the note of an organ. After he has heard a sound from each organ pipe the builder is blindfolded and while this is being done the players all change places, and the builder says: "Alas, how will my organ be, now I am blind and cannot see?" Then he taps the hands of a player, who gives the same sustained sound as before, and if the builder demands, he must repeat three times. The builder then guesses the name of a player. If he does not guess correctly, the players all dance around him and sing:

What a builder have we here,
What a wretched ear,
Though the pipes sound out so clear

After which they all change places and the builder must try again. If however, his guess is right, the players sing:

Though the master have no sight,
He can tell his pipes aright,
See your organ with delight

The bandage is then taken off, and the player whose name he has guessed must take his place.

Something Was.

Rivers was smoking a cheap cigar.

"Seems to me," said Brooks, "I smell something like cloth burning."

But Rivers was game.

He touched the lighted end of his cigar to his shirt sleeve.

"No wonder," he said, exhibiting the burned spot.—Chicago Tribune.

He that stuffs at the crooked had need go very straight himself.

CHARMING WEDDING AT HOBART

Miss Mabel Conklin Becomes Bride of Prof. George Everett Patrie.

Hobart, Dec. 24.—One of the most charming and in every way delightful of December weddings, was that in this village on Saturday, December 23, when Miss Mabel Conklin became the bride of Prof. George Everett Patrie, principal of the Everett High school. The wedding was at the pleasant home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Conklin, on Maple park, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. P. St. John Colman, pastor of the Hobart Methodist Episcopal church, with Miss Ruth Ripton of Schenectady as maid of honor and Raymond Miller of Albany as best man. Preceding the ceremony, "At Dawning" and "Beloved, It Is Morn" were sung by Rev. Frank L. Gosnell of New York. The wedding march was rendered by W. D. Hoose, who at the piano, with Wallace Rich as violinist, played while the guests were assembling.

The bride was tastefully attired in white satin trimmed with silver lace, with veil caught with orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. The maid of honor was gowned in white silk over silver cloth, with silver lace banding and a red chiffon velvet girdle, her bouquet was of red carnations. In keeping with the Christmas season, red carnations and holly were used in the house decorations. The bridal party stood beneath an arch of evergreens festooned with white ribbons, and the house was lighted throughout with red and white candles.

Following the ceremony and reception, the guests, who were 80 in number, partook of a delicious buffet luncheon skillfully prepared by Mrs. W. C. Burroughs. The luncheon was served from tables adorned with carnations and smilax and lighted by red candles in crystal holders. Later Prof. and Mrs. Patrie departed on a wedding journey to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia and New York. On their return they will reside in Miss Anna Carroll's furnished apartment on Maple park.

The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond-set pendant. That of the bride to her maid of honor was a gold lace pin, and of the groom to the best man was gold cuff links.

The bride was a member of the class of 1912, in the North Adams Mass., seminary, and is a much beloved and respected young lady of this village. The groom has for more than six years been principal of the high school at this place. Both have many friends who will extend heartfelt congratulations.

Among the guests from away who were present at the wedding were: Mrs. James Gosnell, Miss Grace Foote, Rochester; Rev. Frank L. Gosnell, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Patrie, Catskill; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Davis, Mrs. Maria Patrie, Elmer Hauer, Gilboa; Raymond Miller, Albany; Miss Ruth Ripton, Schenectady; A. T. Hamilton, North Harpersfield.

ONEONTA STILL UNDEFEATED.

Take Walton Boys Into Camp 49 to 27 Saturday Evening.

Saturday evening the Oneonta High school basketball team defeated the Walton High school team on the latter's court, by the score 49-27. The Oneonta boys showed superiority in both pass work and basket shooting. Ackart and Thomas starred for Oneonta with their clever work in caging the ball, while Tobey featured for Walton. Score at half time, Oneonta 27, Walton 15. Lineup:

ONEONTA.

	F. B.	F. P.	T. P.
Ackart, r. f.	9	0	18
Brosmer, l. f.	5	0	10
Disbrow, l. f.	0	0	0
Thomas, c.	8	1	17
Woodworth, l. g.	1	0	2
Hamilton, r. g.	1	0	2
	24	1	49

WALTON.

	F. B.	F. P.	T. P.
Laidlaw, r. f.	1	0	2
Sterr, l. f.	2	0	4
Tobey, c.	5	0	10
Gray, r. g.	3	1	7
Stern, l. g.	1	0	2
Ellis, l. g.	0	0	0
Eels, l. f.	0	0	0
	13	1	27

Christmas at Wilber Lake Farm.

A Christmas tree was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Misker of the Wilber Lake farm on Saturday evening, Chang Lok Tan acting Santa Claus. After supper many presents were taken from the tree. Music and games were enjoyed by all.

20,000 feed bags wanted. I will pay the following prices 100 lb. feed bags 6½c, 200 lb bags 8½c, cotton seed bags 11½c, fertilizer bags 2½c, sugar bags light 4½c heavy 11½c. I will also pay highest market price for metal, iron and rags. Phone 236-J, 37 River street. Bennie Simon. advt tf

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The Actors' Christmas

The troupe had been playing in hard luck. Fifty dollars, $65, now and then $100, were the nightly receipts, hardly enough to pay the railroad "jumps," let alone pay salaries. There was just enough money in the treasury to get to Wayville on Christmas night. It was one of those "East Lynne" "the child is with its mother in London" pieces, and when the company straggled into the town at midday the local theater manager was at the station, to be sure they had the eight actors.

The players wandered about the town during the day. The curtain went up on $24.75, most of it in the gallery. Some of the $24.75 went out at the end of the second act and didn't come back. When the final curtain came down a weary crowd scattered to the chill dressing rooms, wondering if the hotel proprietor would stop them at the station the next morning.

This speculation was at its height when the theater manager of the town appeared, his arms filled with bundles, and dumped them into the arms of the youngest member of the troupe.

"Say," he blustered, apparently a little ashamed of what he was going to say, "you people are having rotten luck, ain't you? I'm all alone up at my house. Come up and have supper with me, will you? And, say, I've had a bit of luck this year, and I'll stake you to the night's receipts. And those things I gave the kid, they—well, they once belonged to a kid of mine."

And he went out.

One of the women started to cry—

That's where the story ends.—New York Evening Post.

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Large assortment, muffs and matched sets of opossum, natural coon, skunk, fancy gray wolf, fox and mink, at special prices this week

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